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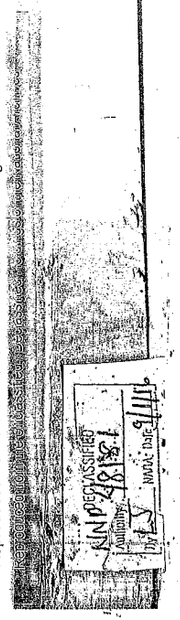

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C. EMBTEL 1048 (608 TO CINCPAC)

1. SECSTATE MESSAGE REF B REPEATED MACV (UNNUMBERED) CLARIFIES TYPES OF TARGETS AGAINST WHICH NAPALM IS AUTHORIZED. THESE INCLUDE RLAF NUMBERED TARGETS (FAC CONTROLLED) AS WELL AS THOSE TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY DEFINED IN RULES OF ENGAGEMENT LOCATED BY CRICKET/ SPOOKY AND TIGER HOUND FAC'S WHICH ARE JOINTLY APPROVED BY AMBASSADOR AND RLG AUTHORITY.

2. SOUVANNA HAS SPECIFICALLY APPROVED USE OF NAPALM AGAINST TRUCKS SIGHTED ON HO CHI MINH TRAIL, REF C.

3. THEREFORE, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED EMPLOY NAPALM ALONG INFILTRATION ROUTES WITHIN STEEL TIGER AREA UNDER PRESENT OPERATING RULES AND IN COORDINATION WITH FAC'E AGAINST FOLLOWING TYPES OF TARGETS:

A. MOTORIZED VEHICLES

BBM AA/AW POSITIONS FIRING ON AIRCRAFTWM

4. TRUCK PARKS MAY NOT RPT NOT BE STRUCK WITH NAPALM UNLESS THEY ARE NUMBERED RLAF TARGETS. TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY OTHER THAN VEHICLES D NOT RPT NOT QUALIFY AS NAPALM TARGETS.

5. THIS MESSAGE ALSO ANSWERS QUERIES CONTAINED IN CINCPAC'S DTG 012252Z AND 060032Z.

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PERSONAL FOR GENERAL WESTMORELAND FROM AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN

REF: DEPTEL 621.

1. I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN RECEIVING CONSISTENT OR ADEQUATE AIR SUPPORT IN PLAINE DES JARRES AREA. ALTHOUGH 7AF HAS TWICE SCHEDULED AND CONDUCTED SIGNIFICANT STRIKES AGAINST ONE TARGET COMPLEX (RLAF 217), THERE HAS BEEN SO NO SYSTEMATIC EFFORT TO MEET OUR DESIRES FOR AN EFFECTIVE INTERDICTORY EFFORT IN THIS CRITICAL REGION.

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2. WE HAVE BRIEFED SEVERAL SENIOR MEMBERS OF 2AD STAFF, INCLUDING GENERALS SIMLER AND TRIANTAFELLA IN EFFORT TO CONVINCE THEM THAT THIS TERRITORY MERITS SIGNIFICANT PRIORITY IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIA AIR PICTURE. WE FEEL THEY WERE RECEPTIVE TO OUR CASE. HOWEVER, ONLY THIRTEEN ARMED RECCE MISSIONS WERE SCHEDULED ON ROUTES 6 OR 7 IN THE MONTH OF MARCH. OUR RECORDS DO NOT SHOW HOW MANY WERE EXECUTED.

3. CONSEQUENTLY THERE HAS BEEN A CONSISTENT UNIMPEDED BUILDUP OF ENEMY STRENGTH IN THE PLAINE DES JARRES. WE HAVE BOTH INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AND AERIAL PHOTOS TO BEAR THIS OUT. THERE IS EVERY REASON TO FEAR THAT THIS BUILDUP WILL CONSUMMATE IN A MAJOR ATTACK AGAINST NEUTRALIST POSITION AT MUONG SOUI BEFORE THE RAINY SEASON. IF THIS SHOULD HAPPEN, IT COULD RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES. NOT ONLY COULD THE WHOLE INTERNAL POLITICAL STRUCTURE OF LAOS BE ADVERSELY IN A DELETERIOUS WAY, BUT ALSO WE WOULD RISK EXPOSING THE PRESENCE OF THE THAI ARTILLERY UNIT, WITH ALL THE REPERCUSSIONS THAT IMPLIES.

4. MOREOVER, THERE IS A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SITUATION IN THIS AREA AND THE ABILITY OF U.S. FORCES TO CONDUCT ACTION AGAINST THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL IN THE PANHANDLE. WE CAN NOT REPEAT NOT EXPECT RLG TO REMAIN COOPERATIVE WITH US IN AREAS OF CLOSEST INTEREST TO OUR SEA OPERATIONS UNLES WE ARE WILLING TO GIVE THEM SOME USEFUL PROTECTION IN THEIR HEARTLAND.

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5. GENERAL BOND AND MY AIR ATTACHE HAVE PLEADED REGULARLY BY MESSAGE AND IN PERSON WITH SAIGON TO ALLOCATE SUFFICIENT STRIKE AIRCRAFT FOR THESE PURPOSES IN NORTH LAOS, BUT TO NO AVAIL. I AM FAST REACHING THE END OF THE ROPE ON THIS MATTER.

6. AS YOU ARE AWARE, I HAVE TWO ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS AVAILABLE TO ME, NEITHER OF WHICH I WISH TO RESORT TO. ONE IS TO LAY THE WHOLE MATTER BEFORE HIGH LEVELS IN WASHINGTON AND ASK THAT MEASURES BE TAKEN TO ASSURE ADEQUATE ATTENTION TO BLG NEEDS. THAT WAY LIES BOODSHED AND HEARTBURN. THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE, EVEN MORE DRAMATIC, WOULD BE TO EXERCISE MY OWN AUTHORITY AND SUSPEND ALL STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS UNTIL WE GET MORE SATISFACTORY ALLOCATIONS O/ BARREL ROLL. THIS I WOULD CONSIDER IRRESPONSIBLE AND CONTRARY TO THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

7. THEREFORE, I MOST EARNESTLY ASK THAT YOU PERSONALLY IMPRESS ON YOUR STAFF THE NEED FOR REASONABLE ATTENTION TO A CONSISTENT AIR EFFORT IN NORTH LAOS. THE DEMANDS ARE NOT EXORBITANT AND THE SORTIES DESIRED ARE ONLY A SMALL FRACTION OF THE DAILY LOAD BEING FLOWN INTO THE STEEL TIGER AREA, BUT IF THEY ARE NOT FURNISHED, WE MAY NOT HAVE A STEEL TIGER AREA OR A GOVERNMENT HERE THAT WOULD BE WILLING TO CONTINUE ITS EXISTENCE. Page 3 of 4 Pages

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5. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED CINCSAC'S J1 8302 WHICH SEEMS TO GIVE YOU BASIC AUTHORITY ON THIS PROBLEM. AT SANZIGNINE, I UNDERSTAND BAT CAD IS BECOMING SEVENTH AIR FORCE. I DON'T QUITE KNOW HOW ALL THIS WILL AFFECT MATTERS BUT I TRUST YOU CAN PUSH THE MACHINERY OVER IN SOMEC WAY THAT WILL SALVAGE US. WARM REGARDS.

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1. REF A PROPOSES THAT ARCLIGHT STRIKE ZONES BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN A FIVE KILOMETER RADIUS OF EACH SHINING BRASS TARGET. FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY THIS WOULD MEAN ESTABLISHING TWENTY-NINE RPT TWENTY-NINE ARCLIGHT ZONES.

2. ALTHOUGH THESE ARCLIGHT ZONES WOULD LIE RELATIVELY CLOSE TO THE LAO/VIETNAM BORDER AND IN AREAS REMOTE FROM POPULATION CENTERS, THUS MEETING TWO CRITERIA FOR SUITABILITY OF B-52 STRIKE, IT IS OF UTMOST

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IMPORTANCE THAT EACH STRIKE BE APPRASIED ON THE BASIS OF POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING AT TIME OF STRIKE. THIS IMPERATIVE PRECLUDES APPROVAL OF TARGERS VERY FAR IN ADVANCE. IN ADDITION BELIEVE PRESENT RATE OF ARCLIGHT STRIKES IN LOAS IS ABOUT AS HIGH AS WE CAN GO WITHOUT INCURRING EXCESSIVE RISKS TO ENTIRE OPERATION.

3. FOR ABOVE REASONS WE BELIEVE THAT PRESENT VALIDATION PROCEDURES FOR ARCLGITH STRIKES IN LAOS MUST CONTINUE TO BE FOLLWED. HOWEVER, IN CASES WHERE SB TEAMS TURFHUP INTELLIGENCE WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY AN ARCLIGHT STRIKE WE WILL ACT ON YOUR REQUEST PROMPTLY. SULLIVAN

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1. PROPOSED ROUND HILL STRIKES RAISE SEVERAL QUESTIONS WHICH, TO MY MIND, ARE INADEQUATELY ANSWERED IN THE CORRESPONDENCE I HAVE SEEN TO DATE. I WILL PUT THESE QUESTIONS FORWARD IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS, BUT WOULD PREFER EXPRESS NO DEFINITIVE VIEWS UNTIL MORE EXACT INFORMATION IS AT HAND.

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2. FIRST QUESTION OF POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE CONCERNS USUAL ISSUE OF PUBLIC POSTURE TO BE TAKEN. I NOTE THESE STRIKES BEAR QUANG TRI SERIES DESIGNATIONS. THIS SUGGESTS THAT SAC PLANS TO EXECUTE THEM UNDER COVER OF DIVERSIONART STRIKES IN SOUTH REPEAT SOUTH VIETNAM DESPITE FACT TARGET LOCATIONS LIE NORTH OF SEVENTEENTH PARALLEL. HOWEVER, THIS ASSUMPTION IS NOT SPELLED OUT IN ANY CORRESPONDENCE I HAVE SEEN.

3. IF SPOKESMEN, CONTRARY TO ASSUMPTION EXPRESSED FOREGOING PARAGRAPH, STATES THAT STRIKES ARE TAKING PLACE ON HO-PASS ROUTE BUT IN NORTH VIETNAM, THEN I THINK OUR EXPERIENCE ON ROCK KICK STRIKE SUGGESTS THAT THERE WILL BE IMMEDIATE PUBLIC PRESUMPTION THAT STRIKES OCCURRED LAOS. IF SPOKESMAN (ON PAST FORM) IS NOT PREPARED TO DENY THIS FACT AND RESORTS TO " NO COMMENT" GAMBIT, WE WOULD HAVE ONCE AGAIN THE SITUATION ENVISAGED IN REF B.

4. I FEEL IN THIS SITUATION, THAT I WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT IN ADVANCE WITH SOUVANNA.

5. IN ADDITION TO THESE POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, THERE See page 2 of 2 pages

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ARE SOME MAJOR UNANSWERED MILITARY QUESTIONS. FIRST,
WE HAVE A ROADWATCH TEAM IN PO-
ZHON AT XE 1201. WHILE
IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT ACCURACY B-52 PATTERN HAS BEEN
IMPROVED BY NEW MSQ RADAR, PAST PERFORMANCE SUGGESTS
NO GUARANTEE THAT THIS TEAM WOULD BE SAFE FROM
BOMBING PATTERN.
5. SECOND IS FACT THAT THIS ROAD IS INTEGRAL PART OF CRICKET
OPERATION, AND IS UNDER CONSTANT ATTACK BY TACTICAL AIRCRAFT
FLYING UNDER AIRBORNE FAC CONTROL. THESE AIRCRAFT
HAVE HAD REASONABLY GOOD RESULTS TO DATE AGAINST VEHICLES,
ROADBUILDING EQUIPMENT AND TRELLISES ON THIS ROAD.
THEY HAVE ENCOUNTERED VERY LITTLE FLAK AND I HAVE RECEIVED
NO INDICATIONS THAT THEY CONSIDER THEMSELVES UNABLE TO
ACCOMPLISH THEIR MISSION ON THIS ROUTE.

6. THIRD, THERE IS A QUESTION IN MY M ND JUST WHAT MISSION
SAC EXPECTS TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THESE STRIKES. THERE IS NO
EVIDENCE WE HAVE HERE OF LUCRATIVE CONCENTRATIONS
ON THIS ROUTE. THERE IS NONE ADDUCED IN COMUSMACV MESSAGES.
THE POINTS OF ATTACK DO NOT
APPEAR TO BE VALID CHOKE POINTS AND THE MU GIA EXPERIENCE
CASTS SOME DOUBT ON THE ABILITY OF B-52 AIRCRAFT TO
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THEY COULD DO IT, BUT IT WOULD SEEM AN EXPENSIVE WAY TO MOVE MUD.

7. FINALLY, THESE CONSIDERATIONS LEAD ME TO WONDER AT WHAT LEVEL A MILITARY JUDGEMENT HAS BEEN EXERCISED ON THE DESIRABILITY OF USING B-52 AIRCRAFT IN THIS PARTICULAR RAID.
WE USUALLY SEE A CINCPAC ENDORSEMENT OR GET A CINCPAC QUERY ON PROPOSALS OF THIS SORT. WE HAVE AS YET SEEN NONE, AND INDEED, WE WERE WAITING FOR SOME INDICATION OF CINCPAC'S VIEWS. THESE FOUR RAIDS WILL PLACE A GREAT NUMBER OF 750 AND 500 POUND BOMBS IN THE MUD OF LAOS AND HARDLY SEEM TO BE THE MOST ECONOMIC USE FOR EITHER THE ORDANCE OR THE AIRCRAFT.

8. IN CLOSING, I M GHT SAY THAT THE WHOLE PATTERN OF COORDINATION AND CRITICAL COMMAND JUDGMENT ON SAC VERSUS TAC STRIKES CAUSES ME SOME REFLECTIVE CONCERN. LAST NIGHT A B-52 MISSION BOMBED DIRECTLY THROUGH A NAVY F4 MISSION, BOTH OF WHICH WERE APPARENTLY WORKING THE SAME TARGET. AY and F4

I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM TECUMSEH ON THIS ONE

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1. AY DZPARTMZNT AWARE, UZ HAVE ATTEMPTED ESTABLISH IN LAO PANHANDLE AREA IMMEBIATELY ADJACENT TO YVN, AN OPERATING ZONE WHERZ U. S. AIR STRIKES CAN BZ CONDUCTED ON BASIS PARALLEL TO THOSZ CURRENTLY CONDUCTED IN SVN ITSELF. THIS EFFORT, DESIGNATED TIGZR HOUND, INVOLVES RAPIB RLG VALIDATION TARGETS IN CONTROLLED STRIKE ZONE BY INSTANTANEOUY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN AIRBORNE FAC'S AND RLAF HEADQUARTZRS. ALTHOUGH PROGRAM YTILL HAY FEW BUGS TO BZ WORKED OUT, SAIGON CURRENTLY TAKING ACTION TO RESOLVE THESZ SOONEST.

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2. IN APPROACHING THESE OA$2;$,, COMUSMACV HAS POINTED OUT ONZ YPCIFIC INSTANCE IN WHICH TIGER HOUND PROGRAM WILL CONTINUZ TO DIFFER FROM IN-UNTRY YVN OPERATIONS, ZVEN WHEN ALL BUGY WORKED OUT. THIS DIFFZRENCZ CONCERNY ORDANCZ TO BE CARRIED BY AIRCRAFT PROGRAMMED FOR OPZRATIONY IN LAOS AS DISTINCT FROM THOSE IN YVN. NAPALM YPZCIFI-CALLY IS EXCLUDED FROM ORDANCZ INTRODUCED INTO LAOS.

3. E ARZ CURRENTLY OPERATING UNDZR RULE WHICH PERMITS MZ TO AUTHORIZE USZ OF NAPALM ONLY WHEN "IT IS ABYOLUTELY REQUIREB FOR SIGNIFICANT MILITARY REASONS IN HIGHLY CRITICAL SITUATION." OBVIOUYLY, THIS RULE CANNOT RZPEAT CANNOT BZ STRETCHED TO ACCOMMODATZ MACV'Y DESIRE USE NAPUREAY ROUTINE ORDANCZ IN TIGZR HOUND MISSIONS.

4. IN PROPOSING USZ OF NAPALM IN TIGZR HOUND OPZRATIONS, MACV IY ALSO PROPOSING THAT ITY USE EVZNTUALLY BZ EXTENDED TO INCLUDE AREAS NOT RZPEAT NOT CURRZNTLY ZMBRACEB IN CONTROLLED YTRIKE ZONE. THIS IS BECAUSE WZ HOPE WHZN KINKS ARE WORKED OIT OF TIGER HOUND PROGRAM IN CURRBT ZONE OF OPZRATIONS, ZONE CAN BE FURTHER EXTENDEB TO COVER MORE OF INFILTRATION ROUTZ STRUCTURE.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.

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1. AMBASSADOR MARTIN, GENERAL WESTMORELAND, AND I, ACCOMPANIED BY MEMBERS OUR RESPECTIVE STAFFS, MET MORNING SEPTEMBER 14 AT UDORN. DISCUSSIONS PRIMARILY CONCERNED MEANS COORDINATE OPERATIONAL PLANS FOR COMING NORTHEAST MONSOON SEASON. THERE WILL BE SECOND STAFF LEVEL MEETING AT SAIGON, PROBABLY NEXT WEEK, TO WORK OUT OPERATIONAL DETAILS.

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2. IT WAS CONSENSUS THAT WE MUST ANTICIPATE ENEMY EFFORT, AS SOON AS DRY SEASON MAKES IT FEASIBLE, TO REPAIR AND RE-ESTABLISH ENTIRE NETWORK OF TRUCKABLE ROADS WHICH WERE BILD ON HO CHI MINH TRAIL IN LAOS, AND USED DURING LAST YEAR'S DRY SEASON. EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL FOR THIS EFFORT WILL PRESUMABLY BE MIBILIZED IN NORTH VIETNAM WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS AND MOVED INTO LAOS BEGINNING IN SECOND HALF OCTOBER, AS SOUTHWEST MONSOON TRADITIONALLY PETERS OUT.

3. IN ORDER SPOIL AS MUCH OF THIS EFFORT AS POSSIBLE, WE WOULD AGAIN STRESS DESIRABILITY FOR MAXIMUM INTERDICTORY EFFORT (WITHI NORTH VIETNAM) IN ROUTE PACKAGE ONE (REFTEL), ESPECIALLY ON ROUTES 15 AND 137 WHICH ARE APPROACHES T MU GIA PASS AND ROUTE 912. GENERAL WESTMORELAND AND GENERAL MOMEYSR HAVE AGREED TO EXAMINE ALL POSSIBLE MEANS AUGMENTING CURRENT LEVEL AIR ACTION IN THIS REGION.

4. HOWEVER, THEY ADVISE THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY BEING DENIED AUTHORITY USE ARC LIGHT STRIKES IN THIS GENERAL AREA. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS DENIAL IS PREMISED ON POLITICAL REASONS OR BECAUSE OF CONCERN FOR SAM INSTALLATIONS THAT VICINITY.

5. WHILE I REALIZE THERE MAY BE MANY FACTORS WHICH PROHIBIT THESE ARC LIGHT STRIKES AT THIS JUNCTURE, I WOULD LIKE NEVERTHELESS TO RECORD VIENTIANE INTEREST IN THEM, ESPECIALLY WITHIN TIME FRAME INDICATED, AND TO ADD OUR ENDORSEMENT TO COMUSMACV REQUEST.

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BAGUIO FOR AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN

PERSONAL FORGENERAL WESTMORELAND FROM CHARGE D'AFFAIRES SWANK

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1. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR BAGUIO FEBRUARY 26, AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN DISCUSSED WITH PETTIGREW AND ME TIMING OF POSSIBLE RESUMPTION (AS YOU PROPOSE IN REFTEL) OF ARMED RECCE OPERATIONS IN STEEL TIGER AREA WEST OF TIGER HOUND BOUNDARY.

2. AS I'M SURE YOU AWARE, PROBLEM WE FACE IS NOW TO

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PERSUADE SOUVANNA AND GENERAL MA THAT BENEFITS THEY DERIVE FROM ARMED RECCE STRIKES ONMMILITARY TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY, ETC., IN STEEL TIGER AREA OUTWEIGHNLOSS OF LIFE, MATERIAL DAMAGES, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL BURDENSNRESULTING FROM REPEATED ATTACKS ON FRIENDLY VILLAGES AND POSITIONS. AT AMBASSADOR'S LASZ MEETING WITH SOUVANNA,,LATTER SAID HE WAS SIMPLY AT LOSS TONUNDERSTAND WHY AFTER INSTALLATION NAVIGATIONAL AIDES IN SOUTHERN LAOS ERRORS CONTINUE TO OCCUR. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO SUPPLY HIM WITH WHAT HE REGARDS AS A SATISFACTORY ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION.

3. AS SEPARATE MATTER, WE ALSO HAVE GROWING MISGIVINGS AS TO ACTUAL EFFECTIVENESS OF ARMED RECCE (WITHOUT FAC) IN STEEL TIGER AREA WEST OF TIGER HOUND BOUNDARY. FROM CURSORY REVIEW RECENT ARMED RECCE MISSIONS (AS OPPOSED TO TIGER HOUND OPERATIONS AND ATTACKS AGAINST VALIDATED FIXED TARGETS IN STEEL TIGER AREA), IT APPEARS TO US THAT MOST OF ORDANCE EXPENDED IN ARMED RECCENSTRIKES GOES INTO ROAD CRATERING AND SEEDING AND MAY HAVE AT BEST A MARGINAL IMPACT ON ENEMY OPERATIONS.

4. ADMITTEDLY, WE CANNOT PROVE THOS PATTER POINT, AND SINCE WE FULLY SHARZ WITH YOU DESIRE TO MAINTAIN MAXIMUM PRESSURE

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AGAINST ENEMY, WE ARE TAKING IMMEDIATE STEPS TO TRY TO OBTAIN RLG AGREEMENT TO RESUMPTION OF ARMED RECCEWITHOKT FAC CONTROL IN ALL OF STEEL TIGER AREA. IN SEPARATE MESSAGE AIRA IS LIFTING SPECIAL BAN AGAINST ALL ARMED RECCE OPERATIONS WITHIN 35 MILE RADIUS OF MUONG PHALANE. SUCH OPERATIONS MUST STILL BE FAC CONTROLLED, HOWEVER,,UNTIL RLG AGREEF TO RESUMPTION REGULAR STEEL TGGER OPERATIONS. WE WILL ADVISE YOU AS SOON AS AUTHORITY FOR RESUMPTION IS OBTAINED.

5. MEANWHILE, WENBELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR COMUSMACV TO UNDERTAKE AS A PRIORITY MATTER AN ANALYSIS OF EFFECTIVENESS OF STEEL TIGER ARMED RECCE OPERATIONS AS PRESENTGY CONDUCTED OUTTIDE TIGER HOULD AREA. ON BASIS THIS INFORMATION WE MIGHT THEN HAVE A MEETING IN UDORN (AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN RETURNS TO VIENTIANE MARCH 31) TO REVIEW ALLNAIR OPERATIONS IN PANHANDLE. WILL APPRECIATE YOUR REACTION TO THIS PROPOSAL.

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS INITIAL EVALUATION REGARDING FEASIBILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF PROPOSED COMBAT BEAVER OPERATIONS AS REQUESTED BY REF A.

WM THE CONCEPT CORRECTLY STATES THE NEED FOR AN INTENSIVE AIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST NVN, CARRYING OPERATIONS INTO ALL AREAS AND AGAINST THE MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY AND MILITARY SUPPORT FACILITIES AND

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ACTIVITIES. IT CALLS FOR SELECTIVE INTERDICTION OF KEY LOGISTIC HUBS
S A MEANS OF PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOLLOW ON AIRCRAFT TO STRIKE
NEMY MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT. IN THESE RESPECTS THE CONCEPT IS
BASICALLY THE SAME AS THE PRESENT CINCPAC RT CONCEPT. HOWEVER,
IT DEPARTS SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THE CINCPAC CONCEPT IN ITS EMPHASIS
ON ROUTE INTERDICCTION AND SURVEILLANCE IN ROUTE PACKAGES 2, 3 AND 4.
3. EXPERIENCE HAS CLEARLY SHOWN THAT A TIGHT INTERDICTION PROGRAM
WELL NORTH IN NVN WOULD BE TOO COSTLY INN SORTIES AND THAT THE
PREDICTABLLE PATTERN OF OPERATION WOULD GENERATE A HIGH LOSS RATE,
WITHOUT HAVING THE IMPPACT VISUALIZED. WE BELIEVE THAT THE GREATEST
DIRECT AND INDIRECT IMPACT UPON THE ENEMY CAN BE HAD FROM CON-
STANT AND UNPREDICTABLE ATTACK UPON KNOWN AND SUSPECT ENEMY
MILITARY FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES, AND THAT SUCH ATTACKS WILL PROVIDE
THE GREATEST ASSIST TO THE BARRIEER AND PROVEN FAC AND CRICKET
TEAM OPERATIONS IN LLAOS.
4. THE COMBAT BEAVER EMPHASIS ON INTERDIICTION IN NVN WOULD
DIVERT EFFORT FROM OTHER MORE LUCRATIVE AREAS AND WOULD UPSET WHAT
IS NOW A WELL BALANCED PROGGRAM. WITH THE IIMPLEMENTATION OF THE
BARRIER, CHANGES IN WEIGHTT OF EFFORT FOR PARTICULAR AREAS WILL BE
REQUUIRED. AT THIS TIME IT IS DIFFICUULT TO DETERMINE WHAT REACTION.

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THE BARRIER WILL HHAVE ON THE ENEMY. WHAT STEPS HE TAKES WILL DETERMINE LARGELY WHAT, IF ANY, SHIFT IN WEIGHT OF EFFORT MAY BE REQUIRED.

5. THE FEASIBILITY OF UTILIZIING FAC AND ABCC AIRCRAFT NORTH OF RP ONE IS HIGHLY QUESTIONABBLE. SUCH USE MIGHT BE FEASIBILE IN REMOTE AREAS UNTIL ENEMY COUNNTERACTED BUT THEIIR SURVIVABILITY AT ANY TIME IS QQUESTIONABLE IN PRRIMARY TARGET AREAS SUCH AS VINH, THANH HOA, PHY LY AND NAM DINH.

6. THE B-52 CONCEPT OF CONTINUOUS INTERRDICTION AT THE KEEY PASSES IS OF INTEREST. IT ISS CONSIDERED FEASIIBLE WITH CURRENT ASSETS BUT WOULD PROBABLY RESULT IN A DECREASE OF STRIKE EFFORT AGAINST NORMAL ARC LIGHT TARGETS. HOWEVER, ENEEMY COULD BE EXPECCTED TO DEPLOY SAMS TO COVER THEESE AREAS IN A VEERY SHORT TIME.

7. COMBAT BEAVER STRESSES THE NEED FOR AN INTEGRATED, CLOSELY CO-ORDINATEDD AND CLOSELY CONTROLLED PROGRAM OFF SURVEILLANCE ANDD INTERDICTION.. OUR CURRENT INTERDICTION PROGRAMM IS A WELL THOUGHT-OUT, CRITICALLY SUPERVISED AND BALANCED PROGRAM WHICH GETS CLOSEE ATTENTION AT ALL LEVELS OF COMMAND. THE COONTROL AND CO-ORRDINATION PROCEDURRES WHICH ARE STRESSED IN COMBAT BEAVER ARE NOT CLEARLY EXPLAINED. PRESENT CONTROL AND CO-ORDINNATION PROCEDURES ARE ADEQUATE ANDD ARE

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8. COMBAT BEAVER STRESSES THEE INTERDICTION PROGRAM. IN THE RT BALANCED CONCEPT. CIINCPAC. WILE STRESSING INTERDICTIION. HAS EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR A BROADENDED TARGET BASE ON THE BASIS THAT THE MST EFFICIENT WAAY TO INTERDICT IS TO STRIKE AT THE SQURCE. THE TARGET BASE HAS BEEN BROADENDED.. BUT LUCRATIVE TARGETS OF WAR MAKING POTENTIAL AND SUPPORT ARE STILL OFF LIMITS. THE PRIMARY METHOD AVAILABLE TO US FOR INCREASING EFFECTIVENESSS IS NOT INTENSIFYING THE INTERDICTTION PROGRAM. BUT STRIKING HIGHLY LUCRATIVE SOURCE TARGGETS.

9. CONNCUR IN THE NEED FOR THE NEW IMPROVED MUNITIONS AND AN IMPROVED NIGHT AND ALL WEATHHER CAPABILITY AS ESSENTIAL TO GREATER EFECTIVENESS. MSQ-77 HAS ALREADY IMPROVED. AND LORAN-D WILL FURTHER IMPROVE OUR ALL WEATHER CAPABILITY. NEW MUNITIONS NOW IN PRODUCTION OR IN LATEE STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT ARE INHERENTLY WELL SUITED FOR INTERDICTIONN OF LOCS AND WILL IMPROVE OVER-LLL EFFECTIVE-NESS OF INTERDICTION EFFORTS. THE LACK OF AN ADEQUATE NIGHT STRIKE CAPABILITY HAS EXISTED SINCE THE START OF THE WAR.

10. IN CONCLUSION. THHE COMBAT BEAVER PROGRAM WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS CLOSELY PARALLELS WHAT WE ARE NOW DOING. IT WOULD NNOT INCREASE THE OVER-ALL EFFECTIVE USE OF OUR FORCES IN SEASIA. THE

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IMPORTANCE OF INTENSIFIED INTERDICTION IN RPS TWO, THREEE AND FOUR IS OVERSTRESSED, WITH THE RESULT THAT A DEGREE OF IIMBALANCE WOULD RESULT. THE BEST WAY TO IMPROVE OUR EFFECTIVENESS IS BY A BROADENING OF THE TARGET BASE AND BY COONTINUED INTENSIVE OPERATIONS SOUUTH OF HANOI AND HAIPHONG DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM DIS- REUPTION OF ENEMY OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES AND ATTRITION OF ENEMY MEN AND MATERIEL. OUR GREATEST RETURNS CAN BE EXPECTED FROM STRIKES AGAINST HIGHLY LUCRATIVE SOURCE TARGETS. GP-3.

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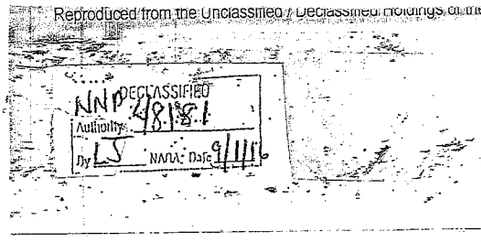

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1. SITUATION: THE ENEMY HAS DEPLOYED SA-2 UNITS TO SOUTHERN NVN AND MAY INCREASE THE USE OF SA-2 MISSILES IN THIF AREA. ARC LIGHT FORCES CONDUCTING STRIKES IN THE NORTHERN PORTIONS OF I CORPS, THZ DMZ, ROUTE PACKAGE ONE, AND IN LAOS ALONG THE BORDER AREA WITH ROUTE PACKAGE ONE, MAY BE REIRDE H OPERATE IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE IN ATTACK BY SAMS IS POFSIBLE.

C 2. MISSION: PACOM FORCES WILL PROVIDE ANTI-SAM SUPPORT TO SAC FORCES OPERATING IN A SUSPECT SA-2 ENVIRONMENT. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO (1) DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF SA-2 UNITS, (2) NULLIFY THEIR EFFECTIVENESS BY ECM AND, (3) WHEN FEASIBLE, LOCATE AND DESTROY THE SA-2 SITES.

3. EXECUTION:

A. COMUSMACV WILL:

(1) IN COORDINATION WITH CINCPACFLT AND CINCPACAF, DEVELOP A SUPPORT PLAN WHICH CAN BE IMPLEMENTED ON SHORT NOTICE.

(2) EVALUATE THE SITUATION AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMININGH WHETHER THE STRIKE ROUTE OR TARGET AREA REQUIRES ANTI-SA-2 SUPPORT.

(3) DETERMINE TOT IN COORDINATION WITH CINCSAC. NORMALLY, ARC LIGHT STRIKES SCHZDULED IN AN SA-2 ENVIRONMENT

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WILL BE SCHEDULED DURING DAYLIGHT.

(4) INCLUDE STATEMENT IN ARC LIGHT REQUESTS WHENEVER ANTI-SA-2 SUPPORT WILL BE REQUIRED, AND DESIGNATE AN ALTERNATE TARGET.

(5) BASED ON ASSESSMENT OF THE THREAT, REQUEST SUPPORT FROM CINCPACFLT AND CINCPACAF AS REQUIRED, AND EXECUTE ALL OR APPROPRIATE PORTIONS OF THIS PLAN.

B. CINCPACFLT AND CINCPACAF:

(1) CINCPACAF IS THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF ANTI-SA-2 SUPPORT FOR ARC LIGHT MISSIONS. CINCPACFLT IS SECONDARY SOURCE.

(2) COORDINATE WITH COMUSMACV IN DEVELOPMENT OF ANTI-SA-2 SUPPORT PLAN.

(3) PROVIDE ECM, WILD WEASEL, IRON HAND, AND OTHER ANTI-SA-2 SUPPORT. IF A CONFLICT IN OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS EXISTS, NOTIFY CINCPAC.

4. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS:

A. COMMENCE CONTINUOUS ELINT 18 HOURS PRIOR TO TOT. REDUCE EB66C UTILIZATION AS MUCH AS PRACTICAL DURING THPS PHASE TO ASSURE MAXIMUM AECM CAPABILITY DURING STRIKE PHASE.

B. OBTAIN PHOTO COVERAGE AS FEASIBLE OF PRE- AND POST-STRIKE ROUTES TO INCLUDE AREAS OUT TO 30 MILES FROM TRACK OF ARC LIGHT

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C. SHRIKE-CAPABLE AIRCRAFT WILL BE SCHEDULED TO SEARCH THE TARGET AREA COMMENCING 6 HOURS PRIOR TO TOT. SAM FACILITIES WILL BE DESTROYED WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

D. CONTINUE NORMAL TACTICAL AIR OPERATIONS IN TARGET AREA EXCEPT THOSE ACTIVITIES WHICH REQUIRE WILD WEASEL SUPPORT. OPTIMUM WILD WEASEL CAPABILITY IS TO BE USED DURING STRIKE AND WITHDRAWAL PHASES. THE RESOURCES WILL NOT BE DEPLETED PRIOR TO STRIKE PHASE. WILD WEASEL (SHRIKE-CAPABLE) FORCES NOT REQUIRED DURING STRIKE AND WITHDRAWAL PHASES MAY BE UTILIZED AS REQUIRED FOR OTHER OPERATIONS.

E. COMMENCE ACTIVE ECM AGAINST ENEMY EW, GCI, SAM AND AAA RADARS AT FIRFT B-52 ETA AT PRE-INITIAL POINT (PIP). THIS TIME WILL BE PROVIDED BY SAC IN APPLICABLE FRAG ORDER, AND WILL BE DISSEMINATED TO ALL CONCERNED NOT LESS THAN 8 HOURS PRIOR TO TOT.

F. FIGHTER AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED TO PROVOKE FIRING OF SA-2S IF THE MISSIONS ARE SCHEDULED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. TWO FLIGHTS OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT WILL FLY THE SAME ROUTE AS THE ARC LIGHT FORCE FROM (COORDINATES) 10 MINUTES AND 5 MINUTES IN ADVANCE OF THE FIRST B-52. ONE FLIGHT OF FIGHTERS WILL FLY A TRACK 20 DEGREES TO THE LEFT OF BOMBER

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TRACK AND ONE 20 DEGREES TO THE RIGHT OF BOMBER TRACK SO AS TO CROSS THE TARGET AREA 5 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE FIRST BOMBER TOT. THE FLIGHT ON THE LEFT OF BOMBER TRACK WILL FLY A COURSE EQUAL TO BOMBER TRACK PLUS 20 DEGREES. THE FLIGHT ON RIGHT WILL FLY BOMBER TRACK MINKS 20 DEGREES. FIGHTERS WILL PRECEDE BOMBERS ON WITHDRAWAL ROUTE UNTIL 5 MINUTES AFTER FIRST BOMBER TOT. THIS ACTIVITY MAY PROVOKE SAM UNITS TO FIRE MISSILES PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF BOMBER FORCE.

6. IRON HAND FLIGHTS (CONSISTING OF SHRIKE-CAPABLE AIRCRAFT AND OTHZR AIRCRAFT WITH CONVENTIONAL ORDNANCE) WILL BE ON STATION 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO TOT AND WILL REMAIN IN APPROPRIATE AREA UNTIL 10 MINUTES AFTER TOT. THESE FLIGHOS WILL NOT ATTACK SAM SITES WHICH ARE MORE THAN 30NM OFF THE PRE-POST-STRIKE GROUND TRACK OF THE B-52 FORCE WHILE ANY PORTION OF THE FORCE IS STILL IN THE DANGER AREA.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

A. THE NICKNAME TINY TIM WILL BE USED TO IDENTIFY ANTI-SA-2 SUPPORT OPERATIONS REQUIRED IN SUPPORT OF AN ARC LIGHT MISSION WITHIN COMUSMACV'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

B. THE NICKNAME TINY TIM IS UNCLASSIFIED. ITS MEANING IS CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET.

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C. PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PLAN WILL NORMALLY BE CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET/LIMITED DISTRIBUTION. SECURITY IS PARAMOUNT IN PLANNING AND EXECUTING TINY TIM.

D. DIRLAUTH IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF TASKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PLAN.

E. THIS PLAN SUPPLEMENTS RDF A, THE ARC LIGHT BASIC OPERATIONS ORDER. PROCEDURES IN REF A REMAIN EFFECTIVE.

F. REF B IS CANCELLED.

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1. I BELIEVE THE FIGURES WHICH HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO YOU AND WHICH YOU HAVE CITED IN REF B CONCERNING AIR STRIKES IN LAOS DURING MARCH ARE MISLEADING. IN THE FIRST PLACE, YOU RECORD ONLY 1602 SORTIES IN LAOS FOR THE MONTH. OUR FIGURES SUGGEST THERE WERE CLOSER TO 6000 REPEAT 6000 SORTIES. DIA SUMMARIES FOR THE PERIOD 2-15 MARCH SHOW 2848 SORTIES IN STEEL TIGER AREA ALONE. REPORTS REACHING US HERE INDICATE THAT STRIKE

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TEMPO IN THAT REGION CONTINUED ROUGHLY AT SAME RATE FOR REMAINDER OF MONTH.

2. IN SECOND PLACE, MANY OF 612 BARREL ROLL SORTIES WHICH YOU CITE WERE IN EFFECT JETTISON OPERATIONS BY ABORTED AND DIVERTED ROLLING THUNDER STRIKES WHICH DROPPED THEIR ORDNANCE ON LAOTIAN ROUTE SEGMENTS BEFORE RETURNING TO BASE. HOWEVER, EVEN COUNTING THESE SORTIES, BARREL ROLL WILL BE SEEN TO BE GETTING ONLY ABOUT TEN PERCENT OF THE AIREFFORT ALLOCATED TO LAOS.

3. THESE STATISTICS, NEVERTHELESS, ARE MORE OR LESS BESIDE THE POINT AND I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD WASTE TIME AND EFFORT SENDING FIGURES BACK AND FORTH TO EACH OTHER. THE CENTRAL ISSUE, FROM MY VIEWPOINT, IS THE NEED FOR CONSISTENT AND SYSTEMATIC PROGRAMMING OF AN AIR EFFORT IN THE NORTHERN LAOS REGION BY PEOPLE WHO ARE INFORMED ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES ON THE GROUND. THE FACT IS THAT THIS IS JUST NOT REPEAT NOT BEING DONE.

4. WHEN GENERALS SIMLER AND TRIANTAFELLA WERE HERE RECENTLY, I PROPOSED THAT SEVENTH AIR FORCE REGULARLY SEND A TARGET PROGRAMMING TEAM TO VISIT US IN VIENTIANE SO THAT WE CAN GET THIS MATTER ON AN EFFECTIVE BASIS. I HOPE YOU CAN ARRANGE TO HAVE THIS SUGGESTION EXECUTED

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5. ADDITIONALLY, MY AIR ATTACHE HAS SENT A MESSAGE TODAY (AIRA/EMB

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00640, 6 MAR 66) WRAPPING UP ONCE AGAIN THE VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS WE HAVE MADE AND PUTTING FORWARD A STRIKE PROGRAM FOR ROUTES 6, 65 AND 7, PLUS THE PLAINE DES JARRES. HE HAS DISCUSSED THIS WITH DEP COM SEVENTH AIR FORCE AT UDORN AND I WOULD PROPOSE THAT EITHER HE AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM GENERAL BOND'S HEADQUARTERS GO TO SAIGON TO EXPLORE THIS IN DETAIL, OR, PREFERABLY, APPROPRIATE SAIGON REPS COME TO UDORN.

6. THE CURRENT EFFORT IS SIMPLY UNSATISFACTORY AND COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS UNLESS IT IS CORRECTED. I WOULD LIKE TO STRAIGHTEN THIS OUT "IN THE FAMILY" HERE WITHOUT HAVING TO GO TO HIGHER ECHELONS. I HOPE YOU CAN GET YOUR PEOPLE TO HELP US WITH SOME POSITIVE RESPONSES TO OUR REQUIREMENTS. WARM REGARDS.

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2. IN PRESENT CASE WE ARE PREPARED TO GO SOMEWHAT FURTHER AS INDICATED DEPTEL 451, BECAUSE APPROXIMATELY HALF OF TARGET AREA INFACT LIES IN VIETNAM. YOUR REPLY DOES NOT

DIRECTLY ADDRESS PROCEDURE OUTLINED NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS THAT MESSAGE. IN VIEW OF RECENT LEAKS ON OPERATION IN LAOS, WE CAN HAVE NO ASSURANCE FACT THAT PART OF QUANG NAM TEN OPERATION IN LAOS WILL ALSO NOT BE LEAKED AND REQUIRE STANDARD RESPONSE, I.E., PROVIDE NO CONFIRMATION OR COMMENT.

3. UNLESS YOU CAN AGREE TO PROCEDURE DEPTEL 451, OR HAVE NEW PROPOSAL, DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE TO WOTHHOLD CONCURRENCE ON STRIKE. WE AGREE IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE TO CONSULT SOUVANNA AT THIS JUNCTURE.

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SUBJEKT: INDUCING DEFECTION OF NVN PILOTS (OPERATION FAST BUCK) (TS)

1. (U) DURING THE KOREAF WAR, OPERATION MOLAM WAS IMPLEMENTED WHICH OFFERED $50,000 TO ANY COMMUNIT PILOT WHO WOULD DELIVER A MIG AIRCRAFT TO UN FORCES, AND A $50,000 BONUS FOR THE FIRST PILOT TO DO SO. THE PROGRAM ALSO OFFERED THE COMMUNIST FLYER FREZDMOM FROM THE COMMUNIST SYSTEM AND ASYLUM. AS A RESULT OF THIS OFFER, ALL COMMUNIST MIG AIRCRAFT WERE GROUNDED FOR EIGHT DAYS, OSTENSIBLY FOR VERIFICATION OF PILOT RELIABILITY. AFTER THE GROUNDING, FEWER MIG AIRCRAFT TOOK TO THE AIR AND ENGAGED IN AIR OPERATIONS AGAINST OUR AIRCRAFT.

2/ (TS) WE BELIEVE THAT A SIMILAR APPROACH TO BE CALLED OPERATION FAST BUCK MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST PILOTS OF NVN AIRCRAFT FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

A. ACQUIRING AIRCRAFT, PARTICULARLY MIG-21 AND THE HOOK HELICOPTER.

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HU B. ACQUIRING PILOTS FOR INTELLIGENCE EXPLOITATION.

1. CAUSING NVN AIR FORCE TO EVALUATE LOYALTY OF PILOTS.

D. REDUCING MIG RADIUS OF OPERATIONS AND NUMBER OF SORTIES.

E. PSYCHOLOGICAL EXPLOITATION OF PILOTS IN VIET-NAM AFD OTHER COUNTRIES. DEFECTORS COULD BE USED TO CALL UPON OTHER NVN PILOTS TO FLY AND TO DEFECT. IN ENGLISH BROADCASTS, NVN HAS ATTEMPTED THROUGH USE OF CAPTURED US PILOTS TO INHIBIT US PILOTS FLYING SORTIES AGAINST NVN TARGETS.

3. (TS) THE PROGRAM SHOULD ENCOURAGE DEFECTION WITH AIRCRAFT; HOWEVER, THE PROGRAM SHOULD NOT EMPHAIZE THE MIG 21 OR HOOK AIRCRAFT. TO PRECLUDE ALERTING THE SOVIETS TO THE PRIORITY OF OUR REQUIREMENT, THE EMPHASIS OF LEAFLETS, ETC., WOULD BE ON THE "DEFECTION" RATHER THAN "AIRCRAFT".

4. (TS) REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY 15 DECEMBER REGARDING FEASIBILITY AFEEDESIRABILITY OF OPERATION FAST BUCK TO INCLUDE:

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A. SOURCE OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFER (US OR GVN, I(
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B. REACTION OF RTG AND TLG IF THE DEFECTOR SHOULD LAND IN THAILAND OR LAOS.

C. IN-FLIGHT AND LANDING PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BY DEFECTOR WHEN ENTERING EITHER SVN, THAILAND OR LAOS.

D. EFFECT ON SIMILAR PROGRAMS IN OTHER AREAS OF PACOM AND DESIRABILITY OF INTEGRATING WITH EXISTING DEFECTOR/REWARD PROGRAMS.

E. OVERT, COVERT, AND CLANDESTINE MEANS OF DISSEMINATION OF OFFER.

F. OFFERS TO PILOTS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF AIRCRAFT.

G. AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE OFFERED.

5. (U) VIEWS OF MISSIONS IN SAIGON, BANGKOK, AND VIENTIANE BY 15 DECEMBER 1966 WOULD BE USEFUL. DEPT OF STATE IS AWARE OF THIS MESSAGE. GP-3

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B. COMUSMACV msg MACCOC2 00953 DTG 090600Z Jan67 (TS) (NOTAL)

C. COMUSMACV msg MACCOC2 01250 DTG 110939Z Jan67 (TS)

D. CMDR 7AF msg 00710 DTG 140858Z Jan67 (TS) (NOTAL)

1. (TS) Ref A requested specific comments and recommendations on operations in Steel Tiger. Ref B forwarded Ref A to Cmdr 7AF and requested comments. Ref C provided interim reply to Ref A. Ref D is Cmdr 7AF reply to Ref B.

2. (TS) The source of CINCPAC data contained in para 1 of Ref A is unknown at this headquarters. 7AF records reveal the following pertaining to Delta and Echo sectors of Steel Tiger and excludes

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Tiger Hound which was relatively inactive in these months of 1966:

1965 Month	Sorties	Sighted by Air	Trucks Destroyed	Trucks Damaged
Nov	784	66	20	11
Dec	1280	249	31	33
1966				
Nov	1311	285	93	82
Dec	1587	268	85	69

3. (TS) Truck sighting per hundred sorties during Nov and Dec 1965 were EIGHT and 20 respectively. For the same period of 1966 they were 22 and 17. However, the increased sortie weight cannot be disregarded, nor can the increased kill ratio in 1966. Increased kill ratio should lead to a decline in future truck sightings unless the enemy changes his present tactics.

4. (TS) This headquarters concurs in the elements of an effective program as listed in para 3 of Ref A.

5. (TS) Para 4 of Ref A is not UNDERSTOOD. CRICKET operations were never based at Udorn. The CRICKET FAC operation began in January 1966, at Nakhon Phanom with FIVE O-1F aircraft. CRICKET Control, the ABCC, operated from Danang. Strike aircraft were launched from all bases in Thailand, Danang, and from CTF-77 Carriers.

6. (TS) Para 5 of Ref A. CINCPAC decision in September 1966, specified that TSN based recce would operate in SVN and south of 18 degreees 30 minutes in Laos. Nevertheless, the 4802 JLD, CAS, Udorn is presently receiving sonne prints from 13th RTS of all photography

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flown in Laos south of 18 deg. 30 min. During Nov66 alone, 92 whole mission sonne prints of Steel Tiger area requested by CAS were forwarded to the 1802 JLD. The bulk of photography is KA-1, 9 inch by 18 inch format preferred by CAS.

7. (TS) Specific recommendations requested by para 6 of Ref A are as follows:

a. Effective immediately the Director of Intelligence 7/13 AF will include SL truck traffic as a standard part of the weekly CAS/AIRA/7/13th meeting.

b. Present procedures are considered adequate to provide timely photography of SL area to CAS Udorn.

c. 7AF is implementing actively the increased CAS road watch team program. Amb. Sullivan has expressed his pleasure with the improved program and Gen. Momyer agrees on the potentiality of the RWT information. Seven teams have been equipped with radios for daily airborne interrogation. Daily contact with the teams began on 5 Dec 66, utilizing RC47 night radio relay aircraft and night FAC aircraft. Other teams are being infiltrated comensurate with CAS training capability.

d. Radio communication between RWTs and FAC/Strike aircraft is improved. Conventional reporting through CAS channels averages approximately three hours. However, the night read-out is practically instantaneous, and the real productiveness of this technique is just now becoming evident.

e. CAS has secured necessary equipment for improving contact with RWTs. VHF AND FM channels are now available and are

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compatible with USAF standard aircraft sets.

8. (TS) The analysis in Ref A DOES NOT appear to CONSIDER the current posture in SL as compared WITH the same period a year ago. 7th AF has maintained an air presence over SL on a twenty four hour basis since October 1966. Daily coverage of all routes has been performed by O-1F aircraft. These FACs have directed air strikes of both USAF and Navy sorties on truck traffic as well as truck parks and transshipment areas. Night strikes by A-26 and F-4C aircraft, plus night surveillance by C-130 flare aircraft, completed round the clock coverage. If the same rate of enemy activity prevailed in 1966 AS compared WITH 1965, the air presence has been there to observe it. Since it has not been observed, it is the *TENTATIVE conclusion of this headquarters that the increased sortie weight on the LOC system IN THE SL AREA HAS RESULTED IN REDUCTION OF ENEMY ACTIVITY ON THE MOTORABLE ROUTES. GP-3

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B. COMUSMACV 12499 MACVCOC2 (S)

1. I have reviewed the sortie figures in your msg and concur in general with your analysis. Sorties scheduled for Barrel Roll 1 - 7 April were lower than normal due to scheduled J.C.S. and other targets of higher priority in Route Packages V and VIA. Some sorties were lost to weather. ~~Immediate Barrel Roll sorties were lower during this period.~~

2. In reviewing the total sortie allocation for Apr 66, as an example, I find that total sorties programmed per month will be approximately 6,800 as compared to your estimated total of over 8,000 per month. The 6,800 total includes 2,200

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Udorn immediately.

d. Communications between USAIRA, Vientiane and 7AF/13AF Udorn TACC will be maintained for effective cross tell of information.

e. AIE aircraft will be provided from RVN assets to Udorn by 7AF on a temporary basis to augment, during the remainder of the dry season, VR/FAC in Barrel Roll. Additional RVN assets including USMC sorties made available will be utilized in Tiger Hound/Steel Tiger as necessary to free Thai based resources for Barrel Roll.

4. Evaluation of results of the added effort in Barrel Roll will continue. If additional Marine sorties over and above 2200 are required, I will review overall requirements and make an objective decision based on the efficient utilization of resources available and the balanced accomplishment of assigned missions in consideration of priorities as I judge them after evaluating all factors.

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1. ALTHOUGH I MAY EVENTUALLY HJVE TM EAT MY WORDS, I STILL WISH TO CONSIDER SITE 36 AS EARMARKED FOR SAR HELICOPTER FORWARD OPERATIONS BASE.

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2. AS YOU KNOW, SITE CAME UNDER HEAVY ATTACK FEBRUARY 17 AND FRIENDLY FORCES HAVE WITHDRAWN FCOM AIRSLRIP TO HIGH GROUND NORTH AND WEST. HOWEVER, ENEMY HAS NOT REPEAT NOT OCCUPIED SITE UND IT IS STILL DOMINATED FROM FRIENDLY POSITIONS.

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3. OUR ESTIMAHE IS THAT RDGROUPED FRIENDLY FORCES, WIHH CONSISTENT AIR SUPPORT, CAN RETAKD THIS STRIP AND MAKE IT USABLE AGAIN. HOWEVER, FOR THE MOMENT, THDY LACK ESSENTIAL LEADERSHIP INGREDIDNT BECUISE GENERAL VANG PAO STILL HOSPITALIZED FROM WOUND RECEIVED IN FIGHTING AT 36. HE SHOULD BE OUT OF HOSPITAL IN 7-10 DAYS, BY WHICH TIME HE MAY BE ABLE LEAD HIS TROOPS BACK INTO POSITION.

14. HOWEVER, IF WE ARE TO HOLD THIS SITE (USSUMING IT IS REGAINED) WE WILL NEED SOME CONSISTENT AND RELIABLE AIR SUPPORT. THIS WILL INVOLVE NOT ONLY SPOTTER AIRCRAFT (O-1 TYPE) BUT ALSO STRIKE AIRCRAFT WHICH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE WITH LOCAL DIVERSIONARY AUTHORITY. AS I HAVE TOLD YOU DURING RECENT SEACOORD MEETING, WE HAD MOST UNFORTUNATE EXPERIENCE DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER OF WATCHING ENEMY BUILD UP IN FRONT OF HUA MUONG AND BEING UNABLE TO ATTACK THEM BECAUSE PLANES COULD NOT BE DIVERTED FROM BARREL ROLL AND ROLLING THUNDER MISSIONS.

5. I BELIEVE THIS PROBLSM IS BEING RESOLVED BY ACCORDING DIVERSIONARY AUTHORITY TO DEP COM 2AD/13AF AT UDORN. BUT ITS CONSISTENT OPERATION WILL HAVE TO PART OF OUR REQUIREMENTS IF WE ARE TO RETAKE AND HOLD SITE 36.

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1. (TS) From an informal letter addressed to me from Ambassador Unger, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Eastern Affairs, State, I conclude that possibly the Cricket Operation is being touted ~~sent~~ at departmental level as the cure-all for our interdiction efforts in the Laotian Panhandle.

2. (TS) This operation has been most effective and shows a sound potential for achieving even more success in the future. However, the tasks facing us in interdicting the principal lines of communication along the Ho Chi Minh Trail challenge us to combine and apply all our assets to that end. There is no question of competition between the use of strategic bombing

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forces and tactical air but only their appropriate application. The devastation and psychological effect achieved by B-52 bombing makes it the most effective and efficient weapons system available for striking area targets. Further, it frees tactical air for use in Cricket and Tiger Hound as well as for exploitation of Arc Light results.

3. (TS) Our nominations of Arc Light targets in Laos have been for the purpose of attacking a complete LOC system - ration and ammunition dumps, way stations, maintenance areas, warehouses and open storage - as well as the forces involved in support of these resources. It is considered essential, therefore, that the B-52 weapon system be employed in our endeavors in Laos.

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T O P S E C R E T DO 30322 JULY 66.

SUBJ: (U) DAMAGE TO THAI NGUYEN AND VIET TRI FACILITIES.

REFERENCE PACAF TS MSG DOP 02 66 JUL 66.

1. REF MSG PROVIDES PRELIMINARY INFO PERTAINING TO PHOTOGRAPHY OF 8 JUL 66 WHICH SHOWS BOMB DAMAGE TO THAI NGUYEN THERMAL POWER PLANT (JCS 82.16), AND PHOTOGRAPHY OF 19 JULY 66 WHICH SHOWS BOMB DAMAGE TO VIET TRI TPP (JCS 82.17). THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THESE TARGETS COULD HAVE BEEN STRUCK HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED AND FOLLOWING ARE THE FINDINGS:

A. AIRCREWS OF FOUR FLIGHTS WHICH STRUCK TARGETS IN VICINITY THAI NGUYEN TPP, 8 JUL 66, WERE DEBRIEFED

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BY WING COMMANDER WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS.

(1) FOUR F-105S STRUCK THE THAI NGUYEN MOTOR MAINTENANCE FACILITY. CREW MEMBERS ARE CERTAIN STRIKE WAS MADE ON ASSIGNED TARGET. WEATHER WAS NOT A FACTOR IN TGT IDENTIFICATION. POST STRIKE BDA CONFIRMS ASSIGNED TGT WAS ATTACKED.

(2) FOUR F-105S STRUCK THE THON NIEU POL TANK FABRICATION PLANT. ONE ACFT ABORTED EN ROUTE. TWO ACT ATTACKED TGT ON SOUTHWEST HEADING. ONE ACFT HAD SIGHT MALFUNCTION AND DROPPED ORDNANCE ON NON TINH MILITARY BARRACKS AREA, 2,000 FT SOUTHEAST OF FABRICATION PLANT. POST STRIKE BDA CONFIRMS ASSIGNED TGT WAS ATTACKED.

(3) FOUR F-105S STRUCK THAI NGUYEN POL STORAGE. FLIGHT MEMBERS STATE TGT WAS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AND ALL ORDNANCE RELEASED ON TGT. POST STRIKE BDA CONFIRMS ASSIGNED TGT WAS ATTACKED.

(4) FOUR F-105S STRUCK THAI NGUYEN TRUCK PARK. FLIGHT MEMBERS CERTAIN OF TGT IDENTIFICATION. NO. 2 ACFT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE WHEN MANEUVERING FOR

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ATTACK, AND CRASHED. ACFT WAS ON DIRECT HEADING TO TGT 82.16 WHEN HIT AFD BOMBS MAY HAVE STRUCK 82.16. PLOT WAS NOT RECOVERED AND IS PRESUMED LOST. NOS. 3 AND 4 DID NOT DROP ON ASSIGNED TGT, BUT STAYED WITH NO. 2 UNTIL CRASH. NOS. 3 AND 4 RELEASED ORDNANCE ON HIGHWAY AT 2137N/10547E. POST STRIKE BDA CONFIRMS ASSIGNED TGT WAS STRUCK NO NO. 1 ACFT.

B. AIRCREWS OF THREE FLIGHTS WHICHHSTRUCK TARGETS IN VICINITY VIET TRI TPP (JCYZ82.17) ON 19 JUL 66, WERE DEBRIEFED BY WING COMMANDERS WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS:

(1) THREE FLTS OF FOUR F-105S EACH STRUCK THE VIET TRI PELOPROD STORAGE. GROUND FIRE WAS EXTREMELY HEAVY AT TIME OF ATTACK, CAUSING VIGOROUS EVASIVE ACTION DURING BOMB RUN ENTRY AND AFTER BOMB RELEASE. ALL BOMB IMPACTS NOT OBSERVED. POST STRIKE BB CONFIRMS ASSIGNED TGT WAS ATTACKED.

2. ABOVE DEBRIEFING RESULTS INDICATE BOMBING OF TGTS 82.16 AND 82.17 COULD HAVE OCCURRED DURING ATTACKS ON NEARBY TGTS. INADVERTENT BOMBINGS IN THIS CASE APPEAR TO BE THE RESULT OF INTENSIVE ENEMY GROUND FIRE AND NOT BECUASE OF POOR MISSIONSEREPARATION, LACK OF PROFESSIONAL SKILL OR CARELESSNESS. THE 7AF COMMANDER HAS RE-EMPHASIZED TO ALL WING COMMANDERS CONCERNED THE IMPORTANCE OF TARGET STUDZZN ACCURATE REPORTING, AND THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF AVOIDING ATTACKS ON UNAUTHORIZED TGTS. GP-4. BT

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SUBJ: (U) APPROVAL OF NEW OPERATING RULES FOR LAOS.

REPRESENTIVES FROM AMEMB VIENTIANE, USAIRA VIENTIANE, CTF 77 AND 2AIGQ HV FORMULATED NEW OPERATING RULES FOR LAOS AT A CONFERENCE IN VIENTIANE ON THE FIRST AND SECOND OF FEB. THESE RULES ARE SUBMUTED FOR YOUR APPROVAL. THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL ASSUME APPROVAL AND TRANSMIT THE OPERATIONYTORDER BELOW TO THE OPERATING UNITS ON 15 FEB UNLESS A DISAPPROVAL MESSAGE IS RECEIVED. REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THIS MSG.

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SUBJ: 2AIR DIV OPERATIONS ORDER 433-66: BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER (BR/SL) OPERATING RULES.

REF A. 2AIR DIV OPORD 433-66 25/0945Z JAN 66

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1. PARAGRAPHS 2 THRU 6 OF THE BASIC OPORD PROVIDES BASIC EXECUTION GUIDANCE FOR CONDUCT OF ARMED RECCE, INTERDICTION AND CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSIONS IN THE BR/SL AREAS OF LAOS.

ANNEX A PROVIDES ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS AND OUTLINES BR/SL ARMED RECCE AREAS, ARMED RECCE SECTORS AND RESTRICTED AREAS.

ANNEX B PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR BANGO/WHIPLASH, CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND FORWARD AIR CONTROL MISSIONS. THIS OPORD REPLACES AND CANCELS ~~FORWARD AIRCONTROL MISSIONS. GUIDANCOPORDN EXPANDSNAREFCENCE~~ REF B, AND CONTAINS REPLACES GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REF B.

2. (TS) DEFINITIONS:

A. BARREL ROLL ARMED RECCE AREA: THAT AREA OF NORTHERN LAOS OUTLINED IN ANNEX A IN WHICH ARMED RECONNAISSANCE IS PERMITTED.

B. STEEL TIGER ARMED RECCE AREA: THAT AREA OF SOUTHERN LAOS OUTLINED IN ANNEX A IN WHICH ARMED RECCONNAISSANCE IS PERMITTED.

C. VALIDATED RLAF TARGET: AN RLAF NUMBERED TARGET, APPROVED BY AN AMEMB VIENTSZLALIDATION MESSAGE AND OF WHICH PHOTOGRAPHY

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ANNOTATED BY 2D AIR DIV IS AVAILABLE TO AIR CREWS.

D. TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY: VEHICLES, TROOPS, ACTIVE AA/AW (GUNS MANNED OR UNMANNED), BRIDGES, FORDS, MOTORABLE TRAILS AND ROADS.

E. FIXED TARGET: CAVES, TRUCK PARKS, OPEN STORAGE, BUILDINGS, KERRIES, CANTONMENT/BARRACKS AREAS, TRENCHES AND BUNKERS.

X3. (TS) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT:

A. WITHIN THE BR/SL ARMED RECCE AREAS, TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY MAY BE ATTACKED DAY OR NIGHT IF LOCATED WITHIN 200 YARDS OF A MOTORABLE TRAIL OR ROAD. MOTORABLE TRAILS AND ROADSGN BRIDGES AND FORDS TO BE ELIGIBLE AS A TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY MUST LIE OUTSIDE VILLAGES. OTHERWISE CONDITIONS PARA B(1)(2)(3) APPLY.

B. FIXED TARGETS, REGARDLESS OF LOCATION, AND TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY LOCATED OUTSIDE THE BR/SL ARMED RECCE AREA OR BEYOND THE 200 YARD LIMIT MAY BE ATTACKED IF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS EXISTS OR HAS BEEN COMPLIED WITH:

(1) VALIDATED RLAF PRIORITY A OR B TARGET.

(2) APPROVAL OBTAINED FROM EITHER AIRA VIENTIANE OR SAVANNAKHET COMMAND POST.

(3) AA/AW WEAPONS POSITION WHICH IS OBSERVED FIRING AT FRIENDLY

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AIRCRAFT.

C. FAC'S WILL COMPLY WITH PARA A AND B ABOVE AND INSURE ALL TARGETS MARKED MEET THE REQUIREMENTS STATED THEREIN.

D. IN SUMMARQ THERE ARE FOUR PERMISSIBLE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ORDNANCESMAY BE EXPENDED IN LAOS:

(1) IT IS A TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY INSIDE THE BR/SL ARMED RECCE AREA LOCATED WITHIN 200 YARDS OF A MOTORABLE TRAIL OR ROAD, EXCEPT AS NOTED IN PARA 3A.

(2) THE TARGET IS A VALIDATED RLAF PRIORITY A OR B TARGET.

(3) APPROVAL IS OBTAINED FROM EITHER AIRA VIENTIANE OR SAVANNAKHET COMMAND POST.

(4) AA/AW WEAPONS POSITION WHICH IS OBSERVED FIRING AT FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT.

4. (TS) SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS:

A. VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG WILL BE AVOIDED BY 25 NAUTICAL MILES. THE FOLLOWING MAJOR FRIENDLY CITIES WILL BE AVOIDED BY AT LEAST 10 NM AND 15,000 FEET ALTITUDE:

(1) SAVANNAKHET (2) SARAVANE

(3) ATTOPEU (4) PAKSE

(5) THAKHET

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B. FLIGHTS UNDER FAC CONTROL WILL NOT EXPEND ORDNANCE IF THE TARGET POSITION IS IN DOUBT, IF INSTRUCTIONS ARE IN QUESTION, OR AT DIRECTION/DECISION OF THE FLIGHT LEADER OR CONTROLLER FOR ANY OTHER REASON.

C. NO ORDNANCE WILL BE EXPENDED IN THE TOWNS OF SAM NEUA, KHANG KHAY, OR XIENG KHOUANG, EVEN IN RESPONSE TO HOSTILE FIRE.

D. NAPALM WILL NOT BE EXPENDED IN LAOS.

E. NIGHT ATTACKS ON FIXED TARGETS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED.

F. BOMBING (INCLUDING RADAR BOMBING) THRU AN OVERCAST IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY APPROVED BY AMERICAN EMBASSY VIENTIANE. OR AS AUTHORIZED IN THE SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR ORDNANCE JETTISON.

G. CAMP FIRES AND CIVILIAN HABITATIONS WIL. NOT BE STRUCK.

H. RESTRICTED AREAS:

(1) NORTHWEST LAOS DESCRIBED IN ANNEX A.

(2) EASTERN TERMINUS OF ROUTE 9, DESCRIBED IN ANNEX A.

I. STRIKE, RECONNAISSANCE, AND SUPPORT AIRCRAFT WILL AVOID BY AT LEAST 25 NM THE KNOWN FLIGHT PATH OR OPERATING SITE OR AIRFIELD WHEN BEING USED BY INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION AIRCRAFT (ICC).

J. AIRCRAFT LAUNCHED FROM THAI BASES ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND ORDNANCE IN RVN.

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5. (TS) JETTISON PROCEDURES: THERE IS NO FREE ZONE FOR EXPENDING LIVE ORDNANCE IN LAOS. IN THE EVENT IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO JETTISON ORDNANCE IN LAOS IN EMERGENCIES OF FOR OPERATIONAL REASONS, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES APPLY:

A. ORDNANCE MAY BE DROPPED ARMED UNDER VISUAL CONDITIONS ON ANY MOTORABLE TRAIL, ROAD, FORD, BRIDGE WITHIN BR/SL ARMED RECCE AREAS EXCEPT IN VILLAGES.

B. ORDNANCE MAY BE DROPPED ARMED IN ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS, UNDER GCI RADAR CONTROL IN FOLLOWING AREAS:

(1) ROAD SEGMENT ON ROUTE 7 FROM 19-31N/103-51E (UG 800580) TO 19-35N/103-49E (UG 768665).

(2) SEGMENT ON ROUTE 12 FROM JCT 12/23 VIC 17-34N/105-44E (WE 772425) TO THE DRV BORDER VIC 17-40N/105-46E (WE 815530).

(3) ROAD SEGMENT ON ROUTE 23 FROM JCT 23 VIC 17-34N/105-44E (WE 772425) TO 17-32N/105-45E (WE 783390).

C. IF THE CONDITIONS OF PARA 5A OR 5B ABOVE CANNOT BE MEET, ORDNANCE MUST BE DROPPED SAFE, PREFERRABLY IN ENEMY TERRITORY AND/OR UNINHABITED AREAS. THE JETTISON LOCATION WILL BE REPORTED IN THE MISSION OPREP-4 REPORT.

D. ALL LAOS ARMED MISSION AIRCRAFT MAY EXPEND ORDNANCE IN RVN, IAW CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS, EXCEPT AS NOTED IN 4J.

E. ALL AIRCRAFT MAY EXPEND ORDNANCE IN DRV ON ANY PREVIOUSLY STRUCK JCS NUMBERED TARGET WHICH LIES IN RT ARMED RECCE AREA AND IS SUITABLE FOR JETTISON; AND ON RAIL AND HIGHWAY LOCATIONS WHICH ARE IN THE RT ARMED RECCE AREA.

6. (TS) RADAR PROCEDURES: 505TCG WILL INSURE THAT ALL TASK GCI SITES ARE FULLY INFORMED REGARDING RESTRICTED AREAS, OPERATING RULES, ETC. FLIGHTS WILL ESTABLISH RADIO/RADAR CONTACT PRIOR TO ENTERING AND EXITING SL ARMED RECCE AREA AND WILL UTILIZE GCI/TACAN INFORMATION TO INSURE

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POSTIVE POSITIONING IN TARGET/ARMED RECCE AREA. GCI SITES WILL PROVIDE NAVIGATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO AND FROM TARGET/ARMED RECCE AREA AND WILL ADVISE FLIGHT ENTERING/EXITING ARMED RECCE AREA. FLIGHTS THAT CAN NOT ESTABLISH RADIO/RADAR CONTACT WITH GCI OR INSURE POSITIVE POSTIONING WITH TACAN WILL ABORT UNLESS FLIGHT IS UNDER FAC CONTROL.

ANNEX A

1. (TS) DEFINITION:

A. BARREL ROLL OPERATIONS WILL BE CONFINED TO NORTHERN LAOS AND WILL BE CONDUITED NORTH OF A LINE FROM 18-27N/105-06E TO 18-20N/103-57E.

B. STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS WILL BE CONFINED TO SOUTHER LAOS AND WILL BE CONDUCTED SOUTH OF THE BARREL ROLL AREA. THE STEEL TIGER OPERATIONS WILL BE FURTHER SUBDIVIDED AS INDICATED BELOW:

(1) STEEL TIGER NORTH WILL BE CONFINED TO DELTA AND ECHO SECTORS (DESCRIBED PARA 3 ANNEX A) AND THOSE VALIDATED TARGETS OUTSIDE THE ARMED RECCE AREA WHICH ARE ADJACENT TO THESE SECTORS.

(2) STEEL TIGER SOUTH WILL BE CONFINED TO FOXTROT AND GOLF SECTORS (DESCRIBED PARA 3 ANNEX A) AND THOSE VALIDATED TARGETS OUTSIDE THE ARMED RECCE AREA WHICH ARE ADJACENT TO THESE SECTORS.

C. ARMED RECCE SECTOR: THAT AREA WHICH IS A SUB DIVISION OF

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THE BR/SL ARMED RECCE AREA AND IS OUTLINED IN PARA 3 ANNEX A.

D. OPERATION TIGER HOUND IS A JOINT AIR FORCE, NAVY, MARINE AND ARMY OPERATION CONDUCTED IN SOUTHEASTERN LAOS. THIS OPERATIONS MAIN SOURCE OF STRIKE AIRCRAFT WILL BE FROM YANKEE STATION CVAS AND IN-COUNTRY AIR FORCE AND MARINE UNITS. US AIR FORCE FACS WILL BE USED TO DIRECT STRIKES AGAINST TARGETS AUTHORIZED BY THIS OPORD. U.S. AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT AND ARMY OV-1 AIRCRAFT WILL PERFORM VISUAL RECONNAIS

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ANCE (VR) TO LOCATE AND IDENTIFY NEW ENEMY TARGETS. DEFOLIATION AND PSYCHOLOGIACAL WARFARE WILL BE CONDUCTED IAW COMUSMACV DIRECTIVES.

E. OPERATION CRICKETT IS AN OPERATION TO BE CONDUCTED IN LAOS. THIS OPERATION WILL UTILIZE U.S. FACS STATIONED IN THAILAND TO COORDINATE STRIKES AGAINST TARGETS AUTHORIZED BY THIS OPORD WHICH HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED THROUGH INTELLIGENCE OBTAINED FROM ROAD WATCH TEAMS.

F. MOTORABLE ROAD OR TRAIL: A MOTORABLE ROAD OR TRAIL IS REQUIRED FOR A MILITARY VEHICLE TO REACH IT'S PRESENT POSITION. THEREFORE, IF A MILITARY VEHICLE IS OBSERVED IN THE BR/SL ARMED RECCE AREA, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THE MOTORABLE ROAD OR TRAIL PRIOR TO ATTACK.

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2. (TS) ARMED RECCE AREA:

A. AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED IN THE BR AREA NORTH AND WEST OF A LINE ORIGINATING AT THE BURMA BORDER AT 20-45N RPT 20-45N, RUNNING EASTERLY TO 20-45N/102-25E RPT 20-45N/102-25E, THENCE NORTHWARD TO 21-15N/102-25E RPT 21-15N/102-25E THENCE EASTWARD TO DRV BORDER AT 21-15N RPT 21-15N.

B. BR ARMED RECCE AREA IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) ON THE NORTH AND EAST BY THE DRV BORDERS.

(2) FROM DRV BORDER AT 21-15N/102-47E (VIC TJ 7432) RPT 21-15N/102-47E (VIC TJ 7432) TO 21-15N/102-25E (VIC TJ 3352) RPT 21-15N/102-25E (VIC TJ 3352).

(3) THENCE TO 20-30N/102-25E (VIC TH 3168) RPT 20-30N/102-25E (VIC TH 3168).

(4) THENCE TO 20-30N/102-45E (VIC TH 6568) RPT 20-30N/102-45E (VIC TH 6568)

(5) THENCE TO 20-36N/102-45E (VIC TH 6580) RPT 20-36N/102-45E (VIC TH 6580).

(6) THENCE TO 20-36N/103-56E (VIC UH 9080) RPT 20-36N/103-56E, (VIC UH 9080).

(7) THENCE TO 20-10N/103-56E (VIC UH 9030) RPT 20-10N/

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103-58E (VIC UH 9030).

(8) THENCE TO 19-37N/103-11E (VIC UG 1079) RPT 19-37N/103-11E (VIC UG 1079).

(9) THENCE TO 19-10N/103-43E (VIC UG 6523) RPT 19-10N/103-43E (VIC UG 6520)

(10) THENRE TO 19-10N/104-12E (VIC VG 1620) RPT 19-10N/104-12E (VIC VG 1620).

C. SL ARMED RECCE AREA IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) ON THE NORTH AND EAST BY THE DRV AND RVN BORDERS.

(2) ON THE SOUTH BY THE CAMBODIAN BORDER.

(3) FROM DRV BORDER AT 18-27N/105-06E (VIC WF 1140) RPT 18-27N/105-06E (VIC WF 1140) TO 18-15N/104-40E (VIC VF 6517) RPT 18-15N/104-40E (VIC VF 6517)

(4) THENCE TO 18-09N/104-56E (VIC VD 9307) RPT 18-09N/104-56E (VIC VD 9307)

(5) THENCE TO 17-22N/105-09E (VIC WE 1620) RPT 17-22N/105-09E (VIC WE 1620)

(6) THENCE TO 16-49N/105-51E (VIC WD 9060) RPT 16-49N/105-51 (VIC WD 9060).

(7) THENCE TO 16-01N/106-02E (VIC XC 1070) RPT 16-01N/106-02E (VIC XC 1070)

(8) THENCE TO 16-00N/106-35E (VIC XC 7070) RPY16-00N/106-35E (VIC XC 7070).

(9) THENCE TO 15-47N/106-43E (VIC XC 8545) RPT 15-47N/106-43E (VIC XC 8545).

(10) THENCE TO 15-24N/106-43E (VIC XC 8404) RPT 15-24N/106-43E (VIC XC 8404).

(11) THENCE TO TRI BORDER JUNCTION VIC 14-41N/107-32E (VIC YB 7524) RPT 14-41N/107-32E (VIC YB 7524).

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D. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS: THAT PORTION OF RTE 9 BETWEEN RVN BORDER AND JUNCTION ROUTE 92 (VIC XD 527394) AND ASSOCIATED BRIDGES, ROADS AND TRAILS WITHIN 2NM EACH SIDE OF RTE 9 WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ATTACK DUE TO FRIENDLY UNITS IN VICINITY. HOWEVER, STRIKE MAY BE MADE IN THIS AREA UNDER CONTROL OF RLAF FAC.

3. (TS) TO FACILITATE THE SCHEDULING OF AIR FORCE AND NAVY SORTIES IN LAOS, THE BARREL ROLL/STEEL TIGER/ARMED RECCE AREAS DESCRIBED IN PARA 2 ANNEX A WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SEVEN SECTORS. THE SECTOR BOUNDARIES MAY BE ADJUSTED FROM TIME TO TIME TO MAKE ALLOWANCE FOR CHANGING GROUND SITUATION.

A. SECTOR ALFA IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THE NORTH AND WEST BOJNDARY OF ALFA SECTOR IS THE RESTRICTED AREA DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 2A.

(2) THE NORTHEASTERN BOUNDARY OF ALFA SECTOR IS THE DRV BORDER, TO 20-40N/103-44E, AND THENCE SOUTH TO 20-36N/103-44E.

(3) THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY IS THE SAME AS THE ARMED RECCE AREA BOUNDRY.

B. SECTOR BRAVO IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THE WEST, NORTH AND EAST BOUNDARIES OF SECTOR BRAVO IS THE ARMED RECCE BOUNDARY AND DRV BORDER TO A POINT 5 MILES SOUTH OF THE

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(3) THE SOUTH AND WEST BOUNDARY IS THE ARMED RECCE AREA BOUNDARY.

D. SECTOR DELTA IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THE NORTH AND WEST BOUNDARY IS THE ARMED RECCE AREA BOUNDARY.

(2) THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF DELTA SECTOR FOLLOWS THE DRV BORDER SOUTH TO A POINT 3 MILES NORTHWEST OF ROUTE 12 VIC 17-43N/105-44E.

(3) THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY FOLLOWS A LINE 3 MILES NORTH OF ROUTE 12, WEST TO 17-36N/105-40E, THENCE SOUTH TO 17-31N/105-39E.

(4) THENCE WEST ALONG A LINE 3 MILES WOUTH OF ROUTE 12 TO ARMED RECCE BOUNDARY VIC 17-24N/105-12E.

E. SECTOR ECHO IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF DELTA SECTOR IS THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF ECHO SECTOR.

(2) THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF ECHO SECTOR IS THE DRV BORDER;

(3)/ 53 97534, ?97,$-46 5-45 -5 $4; ?94$34 3 MILES NORTH OF ROUTE 92 VIC 16-55N/106-33E AND FOLLOWS A LINE 3 MILES NORTH AND WEST OF THE ROUTES AND RIVER GIVEN BELOW:

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(A) ROUTE 92 FROM DRV BORDER WEST TO BANG HIENG RIVER. BOUNDARY LINE 3 MILES NORTHWEST VIC 1650N/10619E.

(B) BANG HIENG RIVER SOUTH TO ROUTE 9. BOUNDARY LINE 3 MILES NORTHWEST VIC 1644N/10612E.

(C) ROUTE 9 WEST TO JUNCTION OF ROUTE 111. BOUNDARY LINE 3 MILE NORTH VIC 1634N/10600E.

(D) ROUTE 111 WEST TO BOUNDARY OF ARMED RECCE AREA VIC 16-28N/105-56E.

(4) THE WESTERN BOUNDARY IS THE ARMED RECCE AREA BOUNDARY.

F. SECTOR FOXTROT IS BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF ECHO SECTOR IS THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF FOXTROT SECTOR.

(2) THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF FOXTROT SECTOR IS THE RVN BORDER.

(3) THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY STARTS AT RVN BORDER 3 MILES SOUTH OF TAM KA TA RIVER VIC 15-58N/107-27E AND FOLLOWS A LINE 3 MILES SOUTH AND EAST OF RIVERS GIVEN BELOW:

(A) TAM KA TA RIVER WEST TO JUNCTION OF DAK N'TROLL RIVER. BOUNDARY LINE 3 MILES SOUTH VIC 15-58N/107-18E.

(B) DAT N.TROLL RIVER WEST TO JUNCTION OF SE KONG RIVER. BOUNDARY LINE 3 MILES SOUTH VIC 15-59N/107-02E.

(C) SE KONG RIVER WEST AND SOUTH TO 15-43N/106-45E. BOUNDARY LINE 3 MILES EAST AT 15-43N/106-48E.

(4) THENCE SOUTHWEST TO ARMED RECCE AREA BOUNDARY AT 15-42N/106-43E.

(5) THE WESTERN BOUNDARY IS THE ARMED RECCE AREA BOUNDARY.

G. SECTOR GOLF IS BOUNDED BY THE RVN BORDER ARMED RECCE AREA BOUNDARY AND THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF FOXTROT SECTOR.

4. (TS) THE FOLLOWING IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE CONDITIONS INDICATED.

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A. CVA BASED AIRCRAFT MAY OVERFLY DRV PROCEEDING TO AND FROM OPERATIONS IN LAOS UNLESS OTHER RESTRICTIONS ARE IMPOSED.

B. PRIMARY ROLLING THUNDER (RT) OR IN COUNTRY (RVN) MISSIONS MAY HAVE AN ALTERNATE BR/SL MISSION.

(1) THESE ALTERNATE BR/SL MISSIONS MUST BE LISTED IN 2 AIR DIV DAILY BR/SL JOPREP/OPREP-1 IN ORDER TO BE FLOWN IN LAOS. DECISION TO DIVERT TO ALTERNATE MISSION IN LAOS MAY BE MADE IN FLIGHT AND WILL BE SO REPORTED IN MISSION OPREP-4 REPORT.

(2) ALL MISSIONS WILL COMPLY WITH THIS OPORD.

(3) AIRCRAFT WHICH OVERFLY LAOS TO PERFORM PRIMARY MISSION BUT DO NOT HAVE AN ALTERNATE BR/SL MISSION, MAY DROP UNEXPECTED ORDNANCE IAW PARA 3A BASIC OPORD.

5. (TS) 2D AIR DIV WILL PUBLISH A SCHEDULE EVERY TWO WEEKS ASSIGNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERFORMING INTERDICTION AND ARMED CECCE MISSIONS IN THE DIFFERENT ARMED RECCE SECTORS OF THE BR/SL ARMED RECCE AREAS. THE VALIDATED TARGETS WHICH ARE OUTSIDE THE ARMED RECCE AREAS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ORGANIZATION THAT IS ASSIGNED THE ADJACENT ARMED RECCE SECTOR.

ANNEX B

1. (TS) BANGO/WHIPLASH: LIMITED NUMBERS OF THAI BASED, ON CALL,

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STRIKE AIRCRAFT ARE NORMALLY AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE FOR STRIKES ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY OR CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSIONS ANYWHERE IN LAOS.

A. REQUEST FOR LAUNCH OF THIS STRIKE FORCE WILL BE DIRECTED TO TACC UDORN AND MAY ORIGINATE IN TWO WAYS.

(1) BY AMEMB VIENTIANE THRU THE OFFICE OF USAIRA VIENTIANE.

(2) BY ANY FLIGHT SIGHTING TARGETS IN LAOS.

B. COMMANDER SECOND AIR DIVISION OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE IS THE FINAL MILITARY AUTHORITY FOR LAUNCH OF THE THAI BASED ON CALL STRIKE FORCE IN ALL CASES. AMEMB VIENTIANE EXERCISES APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR TARGETS WHEN REQUIRED. AMEMB BANGKOK EXERCISES AUTHORITY FOR USE OF THAI BASED AIRCRAFT IAW CURRENT PROCEDURES.

C. VALID TARGETS AND REQUIRED APPROVALS FOR LAUNCH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY LOCATED ALONG OR WITHIN 200 YARDS OF MOTORABLE TRAILS OR ROADS WITHIN THE BR/SL ARMED RECCE AREA REQUIRE DEP CMDR 2AD/13AF THAI APPROVAL ONLY, WITH INFO TO USAIRA VIENTIANE.

(2) ALL OTHER MILITARY TARGETS REQUIRE DEP CMDR 2AD/13AF THAI AND AMEMB VIENTIANE APPROVAL.

2. (TS) CLOSE AIR SUPPORT: U.S. AMRED FLIGHTS IN LAOS MAY BE REQUESTED TO CONDUCT CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSIONS. THIS INCLUDES USE

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OF MN-CALL STRIKE FORCE. IF THE TARGET IS DESIGNATED AS A CLOSE AIR SUPPORT TARGET USE OF AN AIRBORNE OR GROUND FAC IS MANDATORY, USAIRA VIENTIANE WILL PROVIDE COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR EACH MISSION REQUESTED.

3. (TS) FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER (FAC)8 THERE ARE SEVERAL SOURCES FOR PROVIDING FAC'S FOR CONTROLLED STRIKE MISSIONS. GROUND FAC'S ARE ASSOIIATED WITH FORCES ARMY ROYALE (FAR) ELEMENTS AND LAOS BASED AIR-BORNE FAC'S OPERATE UNDER AUSPICES OF THE RLAF. U.S. FAC'S WILL BE USED IN TIGER HOUND OPERATION AND OPERATION CRICKETT. ALL WILL COMPLY WITH BELOW LISTED PROCEDURES:

A. FAC IS REQUIRED ON THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS:

(1) CLOSE AIR SUPPORT TARGET.

(2) SPECIFIED TARGET WHEN CEQUIRED BY AMEMB VIENTIANE.

(3) ALL TARGETS LOCATED WITHIN 5 KILOMETERS OF CAMBODIAN BORDER IN THE SL AREA. (SECTOR GOLF).

B. A CLAF FAC MAY BE CEQUESTED TO ASSIST IN ATTACKING ANY AUTHORIZED TARGET. REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE TO USAIRA VIENTIANE.

C. THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM CONTROL PROCEDURES APPLY:

(1) POSITIVE VISUAL IDENTIFICATION OF THE CONTROLLING AIRCRAFT AND CONTINUOUS TWO-WAY UHF COMMUNICATIONS IS MANDATORY IF AIRBORNE BI

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CONTROL IS USED. CONTINOUS TWO-WAY UHF COMMUNICATIONS IS MANDATORY FOR GROUND FAC EXCEPT AS NOTED IN PARA 3C(3) ANNEX B. VOICE AUTHENTICATION IS NOT REQUIRED IN EITHER CASE.

(2) TARGETS MUST BE DESCRIBED ACCURATELY WITH RANGE AND BEARING INFORMATION OR CORRECTIONS FROM PROMINENT LANDMARKS GIVEN AND/OR SPOTTING ROUNDS USED TO MARK THE TARGET. FRIENDLY POSITIONS MUST ALSO BE SUITABLY MARKED OR DESCRIBED, IF APPLICABLE.

(3) NIGHT FAC CONTROLLED MISSIONS ARE AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND ORDNANCE WITHOUT DIRECT UHF RADIO CONTACT IF THE FAC HAS CONTINOUS VHF

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CONTACT WITH THE FLARE AIRCRAFT AND THE FLARE AIRCRAFT HAS CONTINOUS UHF CONTACT WITH THE STRIKE AIRCRAFT.

4. (TS) DIVERSION OF MISSIONS:

A. AIRBORNE DIVERSION OF ARMED FLIGHTS IS AUTHORIZED IN THOSE INSTANCES THAT CANNOT BE MET BY THAI BASED ON CALL STRIKE FORCE, AND ARE OF A SUFFICIENTLY URGENT OPERATIONAL NATURE TO JUSTIFY SUCH DIVERSIONS. COMMANDER 2AD OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE WILL MAKE SUCH DETERMINATION. TARGET APPROVAL AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE AS DISCUSSED PARA 1C ANNEX B. ANY ARMED FLIGHT MAY BE REQUESTED TO DIVERT TO ANY OTHER AREA OF LAOS, TIME/FUEL ORDNANCE CONSIDERATIONS PERMITTING.

B. COMMANDER 2AD OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE MAY REQUEST DIVERSION OF ANY FLIGHT THROUGH AN APPROPRIATE GCI SITE. FLIGHT LEADERS WILL NORMALLY RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR DIVERSION DEPENDENT UPON PRE-LAUNCH INSTRUCTIONS AND/OR FUEL/ORDNANCE CONSIDERATIONS. FLIGHT LEADERS DECISION IS FINAL IN THIS REGARD. AUTHENTICATION OF REQUEST/INSTRUCTION WILL BE IAW EXISTING PROCEDURES AS REQUIRED.

C. RENDEZVOUS WILL BE EFFECTED BY RADAR VECTORS AND/OR ESTABLISHED RENDEZVOUS POINTS AND ALTITUDES. RADIO FREQUENCIES WILL BE AS DIRECTED.

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1. (S) PROVISIONS OF JOPREP/OPREP-1 REPORTING SYSTEM APPLY TO ALL MISSIONS FLOWN IN LAOS. REQUEST INFO FROM ALL CTG 77 CVA COMMANDERS INCLUDE ARMED RECCE AND STRIKE SORTIES FOR INCLUSION IN OPREP-1.

2. (S) TARGETS THAT WILL BE STUCK DURING CONDUCT OF ANY ARMED MISSION IN LAOS SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH TACTICAL COMMANDERS INTENT. ANY PRIORITY ALPHA OR BRAVO TARGET CURRENTLY LISTED ON THE PUBLISHED LIST MAY BE STRUCK IN THE SAME ARMED RECCE SECTOR AS SCHEDULED AT DESCRETION OF TACTICAL COMMANDER, IF WEATHER, OPERATIONAL FACTOR ETC., REQUIRES A CHANGE OF TARGETING SUBSEQUENT TO OPREP-1 SUBMISSION, (CHANGE TO OPREP-1 NOT REQUIRED). IN ALL CASES, TARGETS STRUCKS WILL BE REPORTED IN OPREP-4 REPORT.

3. (S) WHEN ETD'S CHANGE BY MORE THAN TWO HOURS FROM TIMES SHOWN IN OPREP-1, EITHER IN ADVANCE OR DELAY, OR IF THE MISSION IS CANCELLED, NOTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FROM TACTICAL COMMANDER TO ALL ADDRESSEES' LISTED OPREP-1, BY IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE MESSAGE. MISSION NUMBER (I.E., BR 306) AND REASON FOR CANCELLATION IS REQUIRED. CLASSIFICATION SHOULD BE ACCORDING TO CONTENT BUT NORMALLY CONFIDENTIAL WILL SUFFICE. 4. (S) TACTICAL COMMANDERS MAY ADD A FEW ADDITIONAL STRIKE AIRCRAFT TO APPROVED MISSIONS LISTED IN OPREP-1 TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SPARES, ETC., WITHOUT NECESSITY OF UPDATING OPREP-1; REPORT ACTUAL

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SORTIES FLOWN BY OPREP-4.

5. (TS) FOR REPORTING AND RECORD KEEPING PURPOSES STRIKES WILL BE DESIGNATED IN PARA A1 OF OPREP-1 REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. BR (SL) 382 (THE NUMBER ASSIGNED FRO THE DAY), IS THE DESIGNATION FOR ANY MISSION WHICH INCLUDES ARMED RECCE. THE MISSION MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE A SECONDARY TARGET (RLAF VALIDATED TARGET).

B. BR (SL) SPECIAL 264 (RLAF TARGET NUMBER), IS THE DESIGNATION FOR STRIKES ON NUMBERED RLAF TARGETS WITHOUT ARMED RECCE.

C. BR (SL) SPECIAL, IS THE DESIGNATION FOR STRIKES ON UNNUMBERED TARGETS IN LAOS.

D. BANGO/WHIPLASH, IS THE DESIGNATION FRO STRIKES PERFORMED BY THE AIRCRAFT PLACED ON ALERT.

E. BR (SL) SPECIAL CAS, IS THE DESIGNATION FOR SPECIAL CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSIONS REQUESTED BY AMEMB VIENTIANE NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH ALERT AIRCRAFT IN (D) ABOVE.

6. (S) WHEN DELAY FUZED BOMBS ARE EXPENDED IN LAOS, REQUEST COORDINATES AND LENGTH OF DELAY BE INCLUDED IN OPREP-4 REPORTS.

7. 7S) MISSION NUMBERING FOR BR/SL WILL BE FOR CALENDAR DAYS SAIGON TIME.

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SUBJECT: Udorn Conference (U)

1. (TS) A conference took place in the Command Conference Room at 1415 hours, 9 March to discuss the decisions of the Udorn Conference of 8 March 1966. The following items were discussed:

a. B-52 Strikes

(1) The following B-52 strikes were agreed to at the conference ~~here~~ and can be processed:

Kontum 5 and 6
Quang Tri 9 (Pine Forest)

(2) It was agreed that action on the Route 9 targets should be deferred until such time as the bad weather season precludes attack by tactical aircraft.

(3) Mugia Pass. Striking the choke point at Mugia Pass with B-52s presents a political bridge which must be crossed. It is generally concluded that the majority of the truck traffic infiltrating into South Vietnam is transiting this pass. J-2 announced that truck mounted 140mm multiple rocket launchers were arriving in Haiphong, in the near future. With a maximum range of 8000 meters and a minimum range of 4000 meters, they present a serious threat to airbases. It can be expected they will enter South Vietnam through Mugia. It was decided we should request B-52 strikes on Mugia Pass during the rainy season. COMUSMACV directed that a cable be prepared to CINCPAC and JCS with information Vientiane. Text should be generally as follows: "Trucks have been detected coming through Mugia Pass. It is felt that the majority of the trucks entering into Southern Laos hauling troops and ammunition and weapons are coming through Mugia Pass. This pass has been interdicted over the past several months with limited success, however, truck traffic continues to move. Our studies indicate a vulnerable segment of the road that could be cut by use of saturation bombing techniques. During the rainy season, the tactical bombing effort is degraded. In view of the importance of this route, we

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should bomb this choke point with B-52 bombs during the rainy season. In order to provide cover, we visualize simultaneous strikes in Vietnam with announcement to the press that the in-country strikes have been conducted. Precedence has been set for bombing in Laos; however, this will be the first such strike near North Vietnam. This matter has been discussed with Ambassador Sullivan who was informed that COMUSMACV would request authorization for B-52 strikes in this area. Ambassador Sullivan interposed no objection." (Action CCC)

STEEL TIGER

b. Use of Napalm in Laos: COMUSMACV directed that a message to Ambassador Sullivan be prepared, pressing for the use of napalm in the STEEL TIGER area. Message will spell out procedures to be followed and limitations to include: (1) The type target to be attacked; (2) Napalm will be used only under FAC control; (3) FACs will be thoroughly briefed and familiar with the area; (4) Targets will not be attacked until positively identified; (5) Target validation by BLAF will be requested. Message will be sent to the Ambassador with information copy to CINCPAC. (Action CCC)

LAOS TGTS

c. Additional BLAF Validated Targets. There are several targets, particularly in the Saravane area, that should be struck. Action to be taken by CCC to request validation of the additional BLAF targets from Col Pettigrew, the Air Attache. (Action CCC)

d. Defoliation and Crop Destruction: Ambassador Sullivan wants to review photographs of some defoliated areas to get a better feel for the results. A discussion of Pathet Laos control of rice producing areas during the harvest season led to the conclusion that herbicide operations should be conducted prior to the next harvest to deny rice to PL/VC. The Embassy will cooperate by studying the rice producing areas. (Action CCC)

e. Armed Recce. Ambassador Sullivan agrees with lifting certain restrictions on armed recce and has asked General Ma to authorize resumption of the program. General Ma, however, has reservations and has not yet agreed to get on with the program. Prepare a message which will provide General Ma with assurances that all efforts will be taken to minimize errors. Message will state that all armed recce missions will be flown by pilots who are pre-briefed on specific routes and are required to verify positions with appropriate navigational aids. (Action CCC)

f. Shining Brass. Request clearance for special operations within five miles of the border, evaluating each mission on a case-by-ca

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basis, and prepare to request penetration up to 10kms for subsequent missions. The message will use the terminology "Recondo Patrols," and will explain its meaning. COMUSMACV desires to see message prior to dispatch. (Action JCS)

2. At the conclusion of the discussion, COMUSMACV directed Colonel Connor to prepare a message to Admiral Sharp and General Wheeler summarizing the results of the Okarm meeting. (Action COS)

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PART I. SUSTAINED VC/PL PRESSURE IN NORTH LAOS AND OUR SPARSE INTERDICTION EFFORT HAS CAUSED FRIENDLY FORCES TO WITHDRAW FROM SEVERAL STRATEGIC POINTS. IN PAST THREE MONTHS WE HAVE LOST STOW SITES 121, 169, 131, 176, 38, 58, 27, 36, 48, AND 48A. ~~STOW SITES 121, 169, 131, 176, 38, 58, 27, 36, 48, AND 48A.~~

INDICATIONS THAT MOUNG SOUI (SITE 108) ITSELF MAY SOON BE UNDER ATTACK IN SPITE OF FACT THAT NEUTRALISTS ARE CURRENTLY ASSAULTING NVA/PL OCMPHOU KHOUTT MTN. Cy 12 yr 12 Cys

WE ARE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED OVER MAGNITUDE OF ENEMY SUCCESS, Pg 1 of 3 Pgs CAPABILITY, AND INTENTIONS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR (LATE IN DRY

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SEASON) AS HISTORICALLY AT THIS TIME, THE ENEMY HAS BEEN MOST AGGRESSIVE.

PART II. WITH AGGRESSIVE ACTS MORE PRONOUNCED THIS YEAR, REQUEST FOLLOWING PLAN BE CONSIDERED FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION:

A. SCHEDULE RLAF TGT 217 RPT 217 FOR A SPECIAL STRIKE TO ACHIEVE A 70 PCT DAMAGE LEVEL ON INITIAL DAYS EFFORT. THIS TGT, UP TO NOW, HAS BEEN A SAFE HAVEN FOR NVN/PL TROOP, TRUCK, TANK, LOGISTIC STAGING AREA, AND MOST LUCRATIVE TGT ON RLAF LIST TODAY. THE FEW SORTIES SCHEDULED AGAINST TGT 217 THIS WEEK WERE DIVERTED BECAUSE SUCH A SMALL EFFORT WOULD ACHIEVE LITTLE DAMAGE AND ONLY RESULT IN RAPID DISPERSAL OF TGT COMPLEX.

B. SCHEDULE ALL RPT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING RLAF TGTS FOR STRIKE WITHIN THREE DAYS FOLLOWING THE INITAL RAID ON TGT 217. THEY ARE TGT 257 RPT 257; 219 RPT 219; 297 RPT 297; 238 RPT 238; 291 AREA B RPT 291 AREA B, 215 RPT 215; 211 RPT 211; 212 RPT 212.

C. PROVIDE 18 RPT 18 SORTIES DAILY FROM UDORN BASED F4'S FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE DAYS ON COMPLETION OF PAR B OR COMMENCING FOUR DAYS AFTER INITIAL RAID ON 217. SPECIAL TARGETS FOR THESE SORTIES WILL BE PROVIDEE BY AIRA AND COORDINATED DAILY WITH DEP CMDR 2AD/13AF. THESE SPECIAL TARGETS OBTAINED FROM ALL SOURCES

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WILL RECEIVE SPECIAL VALIDATION HENCE REQUIREMENT TO TASK UDORN FIGHTERS FOR TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE COORDINATION.

D. CONTINUE TO PROVIDE 24 RPT 24 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES DAILY.

E. EMPHASSIZE ARMED RECON OF ALL BR ROUTES AND STRIKES ON OTHER FIXED TGTS FOR TWO WEEK PERIOD TO BEGIN NLT 25 RPT 25 MAR.

F. REQUEST ONE AC-47 AND ONE O-1 BE AVAILABLE FOR VISUAL RECON OF ROAD NET IN YELLOW AREA. FAC WILL BE AVAILABLEVM OBJECTIVES HERE TO LOCATE REPORTED ENEMY UNITS NORTH AND SOUTH OF MOUNG SOUI (1 8).

PART III. REALIZE THIS WOULD CAUSE TEMPORARY REDUCTIONS IN OTHER PROGRAMS, BUT BELIEVE WE HAVE REACHED A POINT HERE WHERE A CONCENTRATED PROGRAM IS REQUIRED TO DISRUPT ENEMY CAPABILITY.

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1. I HAVE RECENTLY REVIEWED OPERATING STATISTICS FOR TIGER HOUND (REF A) AND CRICKET OPERATIONS (PROVIDED THROUGH DEP COM AID UDORN).

2. I AM STRUCK BY THE MARKED DISPARITY IN RESULTS REPORTED. FOR EXAMPLE, TIGER HOUND HAS FLOWN 4283 REPEAT 4283 SORTIES FROM ITS INCEPTION UNTIL FEBRUARY 3. DURING THIS PERIOD, THESE SORTIES

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HAVE RESULTED IN 16 VEHICLES DESTROYED AND 10 DAMAGED. OPERATION CRICKET, FROM JANUARY 21 TO FEBRUARY 4, HAS FLOWN 69 REPEAT 69 STRIKE SORTIES AND HAS REPORTED DESTRUCTION OF 51 REPEAT 51 VEHICLES.

3. SIMILARLY DISPROPORTIONATE FIGURES ABOUND IN OTHER CATEGORIES SUCH AS TROOPS, DEPOTS, ETC.

3. THERE COULD BE MANY EXPLANATIONS FOR THESE STRIKING DIFFERENCES, BUT WHATEVER THEY MAY BE, IT WOULD SEEM THAT CRICKET IS MUCH MORE PRODUCTIVE PER SORTIES THAN TIGER HOUND. ONE OBVIOUS REASON FOR THIS FACT IS THAT CRICKET STRIKE AIRCRAFT REMAIN GROUNDED ON READY ALERT UNTIL AND UNLESS THEY ARE CALLED IN BY AIRBORNE FAC.

4. TIGER HOUND, ON THE OTHER HAND, SEEMS TO BE SLIPPING MORE AND MORE INTO A PURE STEEL TIGER TYPE OPERATION, WITH FAR LESS ACCENT ON FAC CONTROL IN COOTCENTRATED AREAS THAN I HAD ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED. I KNOW THAT THE O-1 AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN HAVING

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TROUBLE WITH WEATHER IN THE AREAS ORIGINALLY ASSIGNED FOR THEM AND HAVE PERHAPS NOT BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE OUR FIRST OBJECTIVE OF DEVELOPING O-1 PILOTS WITH EYEBALL SENSITIVITY TO CHANGES IN THEIR ASSIGNED AREAS.

5. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT, WITH THE RESUMPTION OF ROLLING THUNDER AND THE CONSEQUENT DIMUNUTION OF STRIKE ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR LAOS, YOUR HEADQUARTERS OUGHT TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF REALLOCATING ASSETS SO THAT (A) CRICKET HAS MORE TO WORK WITH,

OSZGQKB; TIGER HOUND USES ITS ASSETS IN A MORE CLOSELY CONTROLLED, ECONOMICAL MANNER.

6. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THESE OPERATIONS AND OF MY SUGGESTION.

GP-3. SULLIVAN

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B. 7AF TS LTR, SUBJ. (U) 7AF OPERATIONS DURING CHRISTMAS TRUCE PERIOD, DTG 15 DEC 66 (NOTAL).

1. BASIC INSTRUCTIONS REF MSG AND LTR REMAIN EFFECTIVE FOR 7AF OPERATIONS FROM 30/2300Z DEC 66 THRU 01/2300Z JAN 67.

2. ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS/QUALIFICATIONS:

A. NO RPT NO SOUTH VN BASED STRIKE AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED FOR OPERATIONS OVER LAOS THIS PERIOD. GROUND ALERT FORCES REMAIN AS DIRECTED FOR XMAS TRUCE.

B. 388TFW KRT WILL STAND DOWN AS PREVIOUSLY INSTRUCTED FOR RUNWAY REPAIRS.

C. 8TFW UBN R ROGER AIRCRAFT WILL BE FRAGGED AT NORMAL RATE, REMAINDER HALF RATE.

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E. 355 TFW TKL WILL BE FRAGGED AT HALF RATE.

F. ABCCCS WILL BE FRAGGED AS USUAL. DOGPATCH 30 WILL BE FRAGGED TO INTERROGATE RWT FRIDAY THRU MONDAY.

G. THAI BASED STRIKE/VR/FAC MISSIONS WILL BE FRAGGED FOR OPERATIONS IN LAOS.

H. SOUTH VN BASED F1 VR/FAC MISSIONS WILL BE FRAGGED INTO TIGER HOUND/TALLY HO.

I. NAVY INTENDS TO FLY 100 SORTIES DAILY IN STEEL TIGER DURING THIS TWO DAY PERIOD. GP-4.

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UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
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MACJ03 29 March 1966

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing - Route Package No. 1 (C)

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1. (U) A briefing was conducted for COMUSMACV by 2d Air Division in the Command Conference Room at 1630 hours, 29 March on recently received CINCPAC directives on the air war.

2. (TS) Following a briefing on the directive, forces available for the mission, methods of implementation and further requirements, the following COMUSMACV comments were made.

a. The newly discovered target complex involving a possible bypass LOC south of the Mugia Pass and north of the DMZ, route construction, a truck turnaround, and a way station should be developed as a possible B-52 target. This new target should be submitted for approval as soon as strikes have been executed against the two currently recommended Mugia Pass targets. (Action: J2)

b. A report on the extent and effectiveness of current operations of the SOG sponsored teams operating along the western portion of Route Package No. 1 was required. (Action: SOG; suspense 31 March)

c. A redesignation and redefinition of terms and areas (Tiger Hound, Steel Tiger; etc) was in order in light of recent developments. (Action: 2AD; suspense 2 April)

d. CG, 1st Marine Air Wing should be thoroughly briefed on the new concept of operations and kept constantly informed of its operations and effectiveness. In addition, USMC representation in the system was desirable. (Action: 2AD)

e. A cover plan suggesting a large amphibious operation off the southeast coast of NVN (between Vinh and Dong Hoi) should be developed immediately for the purpose of complicating the NVA military problem, draining off troops from the south, and developing lucrative targets of troop concentration. (Action: 3SG)

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1. Approval was granted for RVNAF forces (initially one and possibly later two Marine battalions) to be committed in the DMZ SAT SPECIAL ZONE in conjunction with operation JACK STAY. (Action: OSD)

2. Emphasis was to be given to the improvement of the port facility at Hue and airfield at Hue/Phy Bai (use AM-2 material in lieu of concrete for runway). (Action: MACDC)

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CG, 5TH SF GP RUMSAB Ref: VA(1)(1) Hold

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SUBJECT: Rules of Engagement - LAOS (U)

REF: A. COMUSMACV MACCOC12 43863 DTG 011212Z Oct 66 (TS SPECAT)

B. MACV Directive 335-12, Subj: Reports - Spot Reports, 27 Sep 66. (U)

C. CINCPACINST 005440.1E (S) (NOTAL)

1. (U) Rules of engagement for border areas will be modified and up-dated as necessary and republished quarterly. This is the second such republication of rules applicable to the LAOTIAN/RVN border.

2. (U) Reference A is rescinded.

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3. (TS) The rules of engagement contained herein apply to US/FWMA Forces only. However, personnel in positions to influence RVNAF operations conducted near the LAOTIAN/RVN border will make every reasonable effort to assure that such operations are conducted under rules of engagement contained herein, as applicable.

4. (TS) Rules of engagement follow:

a. When planning operations near the LAOTIAN/RVN border, COMUSMACV will be kept informed so that appropriate coordination can be effected. This is mandatory in each instance when necessary actions or counteractions against VC/NVA Forces may involve return of fire or maneuvering into LAOS in attaining objectives in RVN or in exercise of the right of self-defense.

b. In emergency situations, US/FWMA Forces are authorized to take necessary counteractions in exercise of the right of self-defense against enemy attacks directed at US/FWMA Forces from locations inside LAOS with COMUSMACV being advised. An emergency situation is considered to exist when, in the judgement of the US/FWMA Force commander, the urgency for taking timely counteractions in self-defense of US/RVN/FWMA Forces precludes obtaining prior approval. As necessary, such counteractions may include:

(1) Artillery and air strikes against enemy firing from the LAOTIAN side of the border against US/RVN/FWMA Forces.

(2) Maneuver by US/FWMA Forces, while actually engaged and in contact with enemy forces, into LAOS as necessary for the preservation of the force.

c. In the execution of the above, LAOTIAN villages will

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not be attacked except:

(1) When fire is being received therefrom, and

(2) When, in the judgment of the US/FWMA Force commander, the attack on a populated area is essential for the preservation of his force.

d. Minimize civilian casualties.

e. Nothing herein will be construed to prohibit commanders from defending their units against armed attack. Commanders are authorized to take all necessary counteractions against VC/NVA Forces in the exercise of the right of self-defense and to defend their units against armed attack with all means at their disposal.

5. (TS) Special Instructions follow:

a. This message contains sensitive information which shall be safeguarded by appropriate security measures. These instructions and the knowledge of their existence shall be held closely with access limited to persons specifically authorized by addressees on a strict need-to-know basis. Communications on this subject will be classified Top Secret Eyes Only for appropriately controlled distribution. Addressees are authorized to inform senior commanders under their jurisdiction who need to know on an eyes only basis of the content of this message.

b. No public disclosure of any of the substance of this message or of actions taken under authority contained herein will be made except by this headquarters. If press queries are made, response will take the form of referral to this headquarters.

c. The authorities and procedures contained herein are

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established to provide for the defense of RVN and US/RVN/FWMA Forces. These authorities and procedures will not be applied toward widening the conflict in SEASIA.

d. To avoid misunderstanding, the following caution applies: The act of informing this headquarters of plans to conduct operations in AOs contiguous to the RVN/LAOTIAN border does not repeat not satisfy the requirement to "keep COMUSMACV informed" when planning operations as envisioned in paragraph 4 a above. Each operation planned to be conducted under conditions described in paragraph 4 a above must be delineated in sufficient detail and far enough in advance to permit evaluation and appropriate action by this and higher headquarters.

e. Report immediatly to this headquarters all action taken under this authority as follows:

(1) CG, III MAF and CG, I FFORCEV: Reports of all instances involving artillery/NFG, aircraft under OPCON, and maneuver will be submitted in accordance with provisions of ref B.

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SUBJ: Rules of Engagement - CAMBODIA (U)

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B. COMUSMACV MACCOC12 53713 DTG 180911Z Dec 66 (S)

C. MACV Directive 335-12, Subj: Reports - Spot Reports, 27 Sep 66 (U)

D. CINCPACINST 005440.1E (S) (NOTAL)

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4. (TS) Rules of engagement follow:

a. When planning operations near the CAMBODIAN/RVN border, in each instance, request approval in advance for necessary actions or counteractions against VC/NVA Forces which may involve returning fire or maneuvering into CAMBODIA in attaining objectives in RVN or in exercise of the right of self-defense.

b. In emergency situations, US/FWMA Forces are authorized to take necessary counteractions in exercise of the right of self-defense against VC/NVA attacks directed at US/RVN/FWMA Forces from locations inside CAMBODIA. An emergency situation is considered to exist when, in the judgment of the US/FWMA Force commander, the urgency for taking timely counteractions in self-defense of US/RVN/FWMA Forces precludes obtaining prior approval. As necessary, such counteractions may include:

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c. No CAMBODIAN forces will be engaged except in self-defense, and no CAMBODIAN villages or populated areas will be attacked by air, artillery fire, or by ground forces.

d. Minimize civilian casualties.

e. Nothing herein will be construed to prohibit commanders from defending their units against armed attack. Commanders of US/FWMA Forces are authorized to take all necessary counteractions against VC/NVA Forces in exercise of the right of self-defense and to defend their units against armed attack with all means at their disposal.

f. Border traces described in reference B will be considered the military operational boundary for application of rules of engagement contained herein.

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B. COMUSMACV MACCOC2 43471 DTG 290415Z Sep (TS)

C. AMEMB., VIENTIANE 2059 DTG 070543Z (TS)

1. (TS) Ref A published Steel Tiger Rules of Engagement and Ref B recommended certain changes to these rules. Ref C was a counter proposal, and the changes recommended therein are forwarded for approval.

2. (TS) This hq recommends the following for inclusion in a modification to Ref A:

a. Define "Special Operations Areas": areas in which

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armed recce may be conducted without FAC control on all roads, trails, paths and rivers, with air strikes allowed against all forms of enemy activity. Prior to conducting any strikes not under FAC control, aircraft position must be positively confirmed by radar or TACAN as being within the approved area. Strikes, however, will not be made against:

(1) A village, unless it is a validated RLAF tgt or is observed firing on friendly aircraft.

(2) Targets within a one NM circle of known location of friendly teams or units which may be operating in a Special Operations Area.

b. Modify present aircraft strike authorization to permit strikes against any position that is observed to fire on friendly aircraft (para 4c(6)(b), Ref A).

3. (TS) Special Operations Areas, like present Armed Recce Areas would be designated by Amemb., Vientiane and be promulgated by this hq.

4. (S) Will forward to Amemb., Vientiane comments as soon as possible on proposed limits of the Special Operations Area (para 4, Ref C). GP3

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1. 7AF NOW SCHEDULING FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS IN AIR AIRCRAFT NTO BARREL ROLL AREA DAILY FOR CONTROL OF AIR STRIKES. IN ADDITION, AIRBORNE COMMAND POST AND CONTROL CENTER AIRCRAFT (ABCCC) IS BEING UTILIZED. ABCCC CREW CONSISTS OF OPERATIONS OFFICER AND INTEL-

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LIGENCE OFFICER. USAIRA HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE RLAF REPRESENTATIVE AS MEMBER OF ABCCC TEAM. RLAF REPRESENTATIVE WILL REPRESENT USAIRA AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AUTHORITY TO STRIKE TARGETS OTHER THAN VALIDATED RLAF TARGETS.

2. THE CONCEPT ON USE OF NAPALM IN THE BARREL ROLL AREA IS AS FOLLOWS; A. AIRCRAFT LOADED WITH NAPALM WOULD BE FRAGGED FOR SPECIFIC TARGET AND UNDER CONTROL OF FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER.

B. ALL STRIKE AIRCRAFT CARRYING NAPALM WILL HAVE AN ALTERNATE RLAF TARGET WHICH WOULD BE STRUCK IF THE FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER WAS NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO AN ABORT, WEATHER OR OTHER REASONS

D. AIRCRAFT CARRYING NAPALM WHICH DIVERTED TO THE BARREL ROLL AREA WOULD BE UNDER FAC CONTROL. IF FOR ANY REASON, A FAC WAS NOT AVAILABLE, THE NAPALM WOULD BE USED ONLY AGAINST VALIDATED RLAF TARGETS, ACTIVE GUN POSITIONS OR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IN AUTHORIZED ARME RECCE SECTIONS OF BARREL ROLL AREA.

3. AUTHORIZATION TO USE NAPALM IN BARREL ROLL AREA OF LAOS WOUL PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN UTILIZATION OF MUNITIONS ON HAND USE OF STRIKE SORTIES DIVERT D FROM NVN.

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SUBJ: Air Support in Barrel Roll

1. (TS) The deterioration of the military position of the FAR forces in the Barrel Roll area has become a matter of deep concern to Ambassador Sullivan and to me. FAR forces are clearly unable to contain the Pathet Lao/NVN offenses. We stand in danger of losing important objectives prior to the onset of the monsoon season. I have reviewed the situation carefully and am convinced we must provide assistance.

2. (TS) Our most effective asset to counter enemy moves is the employment of air strikes in interdiction and close air support. 7th Air Force has endeavored to meet requests from out-of-country resources in accordance with

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other priorities. 612 sorties provided BR in March is representative. AMEMB has indicated it has not been sufficient to stem the advance of the enemy. I am prepared to furnish assistance from in-country air assets and am studying the most efficient way this can be done. ~~While~~ Hopefully this will provide an interim ~~immediate~~ solution but it must be clear that priorities in SVN and the contiguous areas of Tiger Hound, Steel Tiger and Route Packages 1 remain higher priority.

3. (TS) One feasible means of meeting part of the sortie requirement appears to be the employment of additional Marine Air Wing sorties. In analyzing the utilization of strike forces in SVN it appears that a greater number of Marine Air Wing sorties can be made available for daily overall MACV requirements. Approximately 54 percent of these sorties are allocated to the direct support of Marine Battalions whereas only 33 percent of 7AF sorties are needed to meet the direct requirements of US Army and Free World Forces. Even making allowance for the larger Marine Battalions this ratio appears disportionate. Gen Moore will discuss means of increasing the amount of Marine Air made available for all MACV requirements with Gen Walt and Gen McCutcheon today. I am confident a reasonable solution can be arranged, especially in view of the present

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1. TO PROVIDE THE AIR FORCE WITH AN ALL-WEATHER STRIKE CAPABILITY IN SOUTHERN LAOS, A BOMB DIRECTING CONTROL RADAR SYSTEM, MSQ-77, (FORMERLY MSQ-35), UNCLASSIFIED NICKNAME "SKY SPOT". IS BEING INSTALLED AT NAKHON PHANOM AND EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL ON OR ABOUT 2Ø MAY 66. THIS SYSTEM CONSISTS OF FIVE VANS CONTAING TRACKING RADAR, COMPUTERS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT PLUS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DIESEL POWER GENERATORS. THE RADAR IS CONICAL SCAN, PENCIP BEAM, X BAND RADAR WITH

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A. PLEIKU SITE- FULLY OPERATIONAL AT PRESENT TIME AND CAPABILE OF DIRECTING STRIKES ON TARGETS IN SOUTHERN TIGER HOUND AREA.

B. NAKHON PHANOM - EQUIPMENT DEPLOYING 9 MAY 66 AND SHOULD BE OERATIONAL APPROXIMATELY 20 MAY. THIS SITE WILL HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF DIRECTING STRIKES ON TARGETS THROUGHOUT STEEL TIGER NORTH, TIGER HOUND ANS SOUTHERN NVN.

C. DONG HA- PROGRAMMED DEPLOYMENT DATE IS 1 JUNE. SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE COVERAGE OF SVN AND PORTIONS OF NVN, STEEL TIGER NORTH AND TIGER HOUND.

2. EXTENSIVE SAC/TAC TESTS WERE CONDUCTED, DROPPING BOMBS FROM 5 TO 20 THOUSAND FEET AT RANGES OF 44 AND 94 NAUTICAL MILES FROM MSQ-77 SITE. THE OVERALL CEA OF ALL 749 BOMBS DROPPED WAS 567 FEET.

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OVER 300 BOMBS HAVE BEEN DROPPED BY THE BIEN HOA AND PLEIKU SYSTEMS WITH A CEA OF APPROXIMATELY 300-350 FEET.

3. AS MSQ-77 SYSTEMS BECOME OPERATIONAL, PROPOSE TO ATTACK SELECTED RLAF TARGETS AND VALIDATE FAC IDENTIFIED AREA TYPE TARGETS IN STEEL TIGER ARMED RECCE SECTORS UTILIZING THESE SYSTEMS. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON TRUCK PARKS, STORAGE AREAS AND THOSE TARGETS THAT INTERDICT MAIN INFILTRATION LOC'S. PRIORITY TARGETS WILL BE THOSE IN MUGIA PASS AND ALONG ROUTES 23, 911, 912 AND 91 IN ECHO SECTOR, AND THE MAIN LOC'S AND STORAGE AREAS IN FOXTROT AND GOLF SECTORS(TIGER HOUND). IN ALL CASES, TARGETS SELECTED FOR ATTACK UTILIZING MSQ-77 SYSTEMS, WILL BE RLAF TARGETS OR TARGETS PROPERLY VALIDATED BY EMBASSY, VIENTIANE.

4. THE EXISTING OPERATING RULES (7AF MPORD 433-66) AS APPROVED BY AMERICAN EMBASSY VIENTIANE, PROHIBIT BOMBING THRU AN OVERCAST EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY APPROVED BY AMERICAN EMBASSY VIENTIANE. SO THAT AIR OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN LAOS MAY BE CONTINUED DURING ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS, REQUEST APPROVAL TO BOMB TGTS DESCIRBED IN PARA 3, THROUGH AN OVERCAST OR DURING RESTRICTED VISIBILITY, DAY OR NITE, WITHIN STEEL TIGER ARMED RECCE AREA, UTILIZING THE BOMB DIRECTING CONTROL RADAR SYSTEM (MSQ-77),

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1. (TS) Ref A indicates RLAF is agreeable to resumption of U.S. air strikes in Southern Laos subject to certain stipulations.

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Further, Ref A requests comments on the stipulations therein.

2. (TS) COMUSMACV urgently recommends that all possible efforts be expended to re-open Rte 9 and the area South of Rte 9 to the Cambodian border as outlined Ref B. The planned program will initially follow the same pattern as outlined Ref C and D which will be updated as required to incorporate provisions of Refs B and E. Any additional programs contemplated will be coordinated with Emb/Aira as in the past. Bombing program described Ref F has been held in abeyance pending evaluation and validation of targets. Provisions of Ref B as applied to the SE Panhandle may satisfy, as an interim operation, the requirement stated Ref G (available at Emb Vientiane).

3. (TS) Ref D is undergoing extensive revision to incorporate the concept of armed recce outlined Ref E. One step will be the sub-division of each operating area for ease of locating planned activity. This info, along with scheduled RLAF targets planned for strike will be available from daily OPREP-1 for coordination IAW existing procedures.

4. (TS) COMUSMACV, as coordinating authority, concurs in the suggestion contained para D, Part I of Ref A that USAIRA provide necessary coordination with General Ma. Believe it desireable to have USAIRA office as the single point of contact, with CTE 70.2.1.3 and Dep Cdr 2 AD available at Udorn for technical assistance as may be required.

5. (TS) This headquarters agrees that extreme care must

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be exercised to preclude bombing of friendly positions. Recommend that the suggestion contained para C, Part I of Ref A which stated General Ma would provide ground order of battle info be implemented ASAP. This would be in addition to similiar info that is frequently provided by USARMA Vientiane.

6. (TS) Implementation of provisions of Ref B could pose an additional problem concerning friendly activity in the vicinity of STOL Sites that are located within armed recce areas. Recommend that USAIRA provide a listing of STOL Sites, similiar to the Operations Data brochure published monthly by Flight Information Center - LO 8, to all tactical commandees concerned. Photos of active [redacted] STOL Sites [redacted] would be helpful for aircrew briefing.

7. (S) Subject of O-1 aircraft will be addressed by separate message.

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1. In order to start moving in high gear, we accept your proposal for a special strike zone in the southern Panhandle. We specifically accept the geographic extent of the strike zone, which you describe, as a first step toward what we hope later will be an expanded zone.

2. We will establish voice communications to Savannakhet, tied in with the tactical air control system in South Vietnam within the next week. We will follow that up by the establishment of secure voice facilities both from Saigon and Danang.

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This will take longer. Our estimate is that it can be done following conditioning circuit which could be accomplished by 1 Jan 66.

3. Using the insecure voice circuits, we will communicate from O1 aircraft flying in the target area either directly to Savannakhet or through 2d Air Division communications in Vietnam requesting authority for strikes. We will use either aircraft on route reconnaissance in Laos, or aircraft from bases in South Vietnam for these strikes once permission is granted from Savannakhet. We will provide a liaison party at Savannakhet from 2d Air Division.

4. We hope reaction in Savannakhet will be rapid so that strikes can take place while the O1 aircraft which spotted the target is still in the area.

5. We will provide five C-1 aircraft to Det 6, 32nd Combat Support Group, at Savannakhet for subsequent transfer to General Ma when custody, source of funds, flight training courses, support personnel, basing and other related questions have been determined.

6. We request that you take steps to provide Laotian observers in 2d AD O1 aircraft and we assume that if and when this is accomplished, they will have the authority to approve strikes in the Special Zone without recourse to Savannakhet.

7. Starting immediately, we will increase route recce sorties south of Route 9 in accordance with Ref B.

8. Once these steps are accomplished, we will have authority in the Special Strike Zone in Laos similar to that which we have

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in South Vietnam where it is necessary for us either to communicate with local authorities for permission to strike, or strike on the authority of a Vietnamese observer in the 24 AD FAC aircraft. In your case, we hope these aircraft will have Laotian observers for this purpose.

9. I am confident this system will work and hope we can press forward at maximum speed to put it in motion.

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SUBJECT: Briefing for Admiral Sharp, 1400 Hours, 3 March 1966 (U)
Primary Attendees: Adm Sharp V/Adm Hyland
Gen Westmoreland Lt Gen Spivy

1. (S) Generate a message establishing OA aircraft requirements and the need for their fulfillment. Message should state that COMUS-MACV is considering establishing this requirement as a flag pole item. (Action: J-3)

2. (S) TIGER HOUND briefings henceforth will add antiaircraft weapons destroyed as an accountable item. (Action: 2 AD)

3. (TS) Admiral Sharp indicated that he is willing to request additional sorties, over and above the 8100 allocated, for TIGER HOUND and other areas. However, he questions the effectiveness of dropping bombs without a specific target being available to each sortie flown. In order to assure maximum sortie effectiveness he recommended consideration of strip alert for FAC call-up when no specific target is available. Admiral Sharp indicated that ROLLING THUNDER should go only when there is a good chance of getting to a target. He agreed to radar bombing against specific choke points in order to keep the pressure on during bad weather. Underlining these concepts of sortie application, Admiral Sharp is anxious that all sorties be designed for maximum effectiveness. (Action: 2 AD)

4. (S) Prepare a message to CINCPACFLT regarding the use of the SLF in the Rung Sat Special Zone. (Action: J-3)

5. (TS) Admiral Sharp is considering moving Dixie Station further north when the units at Phang Rang become operational. (Action: J-3)

6. (TS) COSVN will be reexamined as a target for possible restrike. One B-52 strike a week should be against targets in the Laotian area. This amounts to about 1/10 of our effort. (Action: J-2)

7. (S) An examination of possible use of B-26 aircraft is to be conducted by 2d Air Division. (Action: 2 AD)

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8. (S) The 3100 sortie limitation needs clarification. (Action: J-3)

9. (S) The OI resources of the 25th Division are to be established under a single manager concept for test purposes. (Action: 2 AD)

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Certain follow-up actions resulted from a conference at Udorn on 14 September 1966. The seven actions are listed below, together with the appropriate action agency. Each item has been kept deliberately brief; it is not designed to provide a complete description, but rather, to serve as a reminder.

a. That J3 sponsor conference proposed for week of 19 September. (Action: COC.)

b. That COC prepare two messages, one on conference and other on SLAM concept, from General Westmoreland to Admiral Sharp, info General Wheeler. (Action completed by J3 and cables dispatched.)

c. That TIGER HOUND command and control mechanism be used to coordinate concerted employment of resources in Laotian Panhandle Operation with J2/MACV being responsible for coordinating the intelligence effort in selecting and evaluating "SLAM" areas. (Action: J2.)

d. That COC appoint a "Laos Coordinator" to monitor and coordinate actions regarding operations in Laotian Panhandle to include air operations, CRICKET program, PSYWAR, herbicide operations, and SHINING BRASS. (Action: COC.)

e. That J3 follow up on insuring Ambassador Sullivan is advised regarding PSYWAR and herbicide programs in which he expressed an interest. (Action: J3.)

f. That J2 follow up on improving exchange of intelligence between J2/MACV and CAS/Vientiane. (Action: J2.)

g. That J3 expedite development and issuance of an operation plan to implement the SLAM concept. (Action: J3.)

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1. (S) Ref A requested clarification of some aspects of Tiger Hound concept, area of operations and its relationship to Steel Tiger.

2. (TS) Based on info provided by Ref's B and C, the following comments are submitted in response to Ref A.

a. (Para 3a) Ambassador Vientiane and Air Attache representatives have been personally briefed on all aspects of Tiger Hound operations. Ref D did not include AMEMB Vientiane as an addressee in that the purpose was to clarify responsibility between operational commanders in order to avoid mission conflict. However, this subject was briefed previously to USAIRA Vientiane representatives.

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b. (Para 3b) Tiger Hound task force, under the operational control of 2D AD, has been given the responsibility for developing operational concepts and for conducting and coordinating operational strikes as well as/or target detection operations by visual means within the area described below. These actions are to be conducted IAW existing authority and SL/BR rules of engagement with coordination as proposed by AMEMB Vientiane. Ref E Applies

(1) Area of Laos South of line running parallel to, and three nautical miles north of, a line described as follows: Beginning at the DRV border on Rte 92 at 16-53-30N/106-33-20E (Vic XD654680); thence southwestward along Rte 92 to the intersection with the Bang Hieng River at 16-47-25N/106-18-25E (Vic XD590564); thence along the Bang Hieng River southwestward to the

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the intersection with Rte 9 at 16-41-48N/106-13-21E (Vic XD 302462); thence westward along Rte 9 to the intersection with Rte 111 at 16-32-15N/106-01-50E (Vic XD081276); thence westward along Rte 111 to the THAI border.

c. (Para 3c) The special operating zone is the area defined in Ref D and authorized by AMEMB Vientiane, for within which procedures were established for requesting immediate strike approval from Savannakhet or Vientiane against newly detected targets with FAC control. Targets discovered in other areas would require more thorough evaluation. The airborne command post supervises and coordinates activities in these areas. RLAF observers are soon to be flying daily in the ACP. Additionally, this special area has been approved by AMEMB Vientiane for both defoliation, which is being accomplished, and for the conduct of a PsyOps campaign which is presently in the planning stage awaiting CINCPAC approval. These matters were discussed in Udorn on 5 Jan by COMUSMACV, AMEMB Vientiane and AMEMB Bangkok.

[redacted].

d. (Para 3d) The relationship of Tiger Hound and Steel Tiger allocation of sorties is evident in the below tabulation of daily sortie averages over the period from 26 Dec through 3 Jan. It is anticipated that the total average daily sortie level will reduce to approximately 20 for Steel Tiger and 100 for Tiger Hound upon resumption of Rolling Thunder.

	STEEL TIGER	TIGER HOUND

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USAF (THAI)	41	15
USAF (RVN)	9	38
NAVY	47	18
MARINE	0	35
Total of averages	97	106
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C. COMUSMACV 12628 DTG 040338Z

1. (U) In response to Refs A and B which requests clarification of Ref C, the following comments are submitted.

2. (TS) Of necessity, we are embarked on a major air campaign

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in Laos. We feel that such a campaign should be executed by the Commander 2d Air Division on behalf of COMUSMACV because he has the staff, the knowledge and the wherewithal. The success of this campaign will weigh heavily in the outcome of the war in Vietnam.

3. (U) It is understood that Commander 2d Air Division will operate within existing directives. Changes as may be necessary, will be recommended by him to COMUSMACV, and thence after review, if approved, to CINCPAC.

4. (TS) There is a requirement for operational coordination with Vientiane and Royal Laotian Air Force and for the establishment of better communications and a closer operational relationship. These matters will be the responsibility of the Commander 2d Air Division on behalf of COMUSMACV. Policy matters relating to Vientiane and the RLG will be handled through MACV channels.

5. (U) Coordination with PACFLT will be executed by Commander 2d Air Division in accordance with operating procedures which are now well established.

6. (TS) In addition to Tiger Hound, Commander 2d Air Division has been delegated the responsibility for Steel Tiger and Barrel Roll. However, Yankee Team is retained as a MACV responsibility. At the same time local arrangements will make it possible for Commander 2d Air Division to support his campaign in the Laotian Panhandle and in the Barrel Roll area in northern Laos.

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7. (S) COMUSMACV is surrendering neither his responsibility nor his authority over these programs. However, he is delegating to a component commander a function and an operation which can best be executed at that level. If this delegation of responsibility and authority requires the amendment of any existing directives, this message may be considered a request to do so.

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Personal for Amb Sullivan from Gen Westmoreland.

Subj: Denial of Rice to the VC (U)

1. (TS) The matter of stemming the flow of logistical support, especially rice, to Viet Cong and NVA units in South Vietnam continues to be of great interest to me. In addition to other known and suspected sources, it appears that large quantities of rice grown in the Mekong Delta of SVN and nearby Cambodia may be passing from the RVN-Cambodian border area in the south, up the Mekong and Se Kong to Siem Pang (XA5160), then over new Route 965 through Southern Laos, Northeastern Cambodia and into enemy hands in the Highlands of Central SVN. We are studying this hypothesis to see if we can support it and would appreciate your views and analysis.

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2. (TS) In relation to the foregoing, it is a matter of immediate concern that Route 965 is receiving a low level of interdiction effort. I am aware that Gen Ma is conducting reconnaissance and some interdiction of the route. However, I consider that a greater weight of effort than Ma can apply is necessary and hope that consideration can be given to US reinforcement of Ma's efforts, just as we are attempting to satisfy increased Laotian air requirements in the Plaine des Jarres. Between now and the time the full effects of the SW monsoon are felt, additional attention to Route 965 constitutes a priority requirement. Meanwhile, we are analyzing choke points on the route in anticipation that you will be successful in clearing the way for a magnified strike program against enemy activity thereon.

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SUBJ: COMUSMACV SLAM Concept (U)

Ref: COMUSMACV 160518Z SEP

1. (S) Reference reported on conference BETWEEN [redacted] Amb Sullivan, [redacted] Amb Martin AND MYSELF. This message outlines MACV "SLAM" concept referred to in reference.

2. (TS) With arrival of northeast monsoon season, weather in Laotian Panhandle will be clearing and enemy is expected to infiltrate personnel and supporting material in quantity through that area. The requirement to counter this threat is evident. If allowed to go unchecked, it will permit enemy to engage our flank in Quang Tri Province from the west and will permit large scale diversionary attacks further south.

3. (TS) The seriousness of this thrust led US to development of a new concept to block, deny, spoil, and disrupt the infiltration

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of enemy personnel and supplies through Laos during the forthcoming dry season. During THE previous dry season we were experimenting, developing tactics and techniques, and building up our assets. Capitalizing on our experience and improvement of resources, we now have developed a concept of operations for the forthcoming period of good weather which I believe will improve significantly our ability to counter the infiltration threat through the Laotian Panhandle. The concept hinges on two basic principles:

a. First, we will intensify around-the-clock surveillance and interdiction of known infiltration routes. This process will stress attack of selected interdiction points (SIPs) as well as strikes against targets of opportunity.

b. Second, we will concentrate our resources on successive key target areas to be known as "SLAMS."

4. (TS) Highlights of our concept, which consists in turn of a series of overlapping phases, are as follows:

a. Phase One. All intelligence collection agencies (all-sensor air reconnaissance, road watcher, FACs, Shining Brass, etc.) will intensify their efforts. Our goal in this phase is to refine our knowledge of enemy capabilities to infiltrate through Laos and to obtain indications as to what and where he will put his major efforts. During this

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collection phase, we will continue normal TIGER HOUND strikes and other actions at approximately current rates. In essence, during the pre-northeast monsoon season, we will continue pressure with TALLY HO and interdiction in Route Package One, keeping a sharp eye on STEEL TIGER.

b. Phase Two. As our intelligence base expands, we will effect transition from Phase One into Phase Two. [redacted] Current reconnaissance and offensive operations throughout the Panhandle WILL BE CONTINUED, with priority to enemy buildup capabilities, i.e., engineer and other construction efforts, way stations, supply points, and staging areas. Concentrated intelligence ON [redacted] these potential target areas will provide required data for selection of key target areas.

c. Phase Three. Once an area is designated as a "SLAM" area, we will hit the target with sufficient B-52 and tactical air strikes to neutralize it. This action will be followed by visual and photo air reconnaissance and/or ground reconnaissance patrols and, if appropriate, exploitation forces. During the stage involving ground forces, the only application of air power will be in direct support of SHINING BRASS. [redacted] LATTER ELEMENTS, [redacted] on withdrawal, will leave mines and booby traps; [redacted] AIR [redacted] Force will follow with air-delivered land mines. In special instances, we plan to leave "stay behind" reconnaissance parties. Dependent upon the area and intelligence, the sequence of applying these resources will be altered. This

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process will be repeated against each developed target. It is essential IN THIS REGARD, to understand that massing our efforts on a specific "SLAM" area does not mean ignoring other targets. FACs and armed reconnaissance aircraft will be scouring the roads; road watchers and SHINING BRASS will operate in their territories; and our other intelligence operations will continue.

d. During all phases, there will be an intensification of psychological warfare and herbicide operations.

5. (TS) In summary, the enemy capability to infiltrate personnel and supporting material through the Laotian Panhandle is a definite threat to our efforts in SVN. We must use all assets at our disposal to block, deny, spoil and disrupt this infiltration.

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TO: AMEMB VIENTIANE

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PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN FROM GENERAL WESTMORELAND

Subj: Steel Tiger (U)

Ref: AMEMB Vientiane DTG 161010Z

1. (TS) Your liaison problems brought about with the current RLAF command mixup are well appreciated. My hearty thanks for obtaining the authorization to move the Steel Tiger armed recce boundry further west during this crucial period.

2. (TS) There is still a military necessity for shifting the line further west to cover and even larger portion of the Sihanouk Road. I hope that after the RLAF internal situation stabilizes we will be able to accomplish this additional move.

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TO: CINCPAC

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SUBJECT: Crop Destruction (U)

1. (TS) The air interdiction and defoliation operations in the Laos Panhandle have enjoyed some success in reducing supplies coming through that area. The overall denial effort would be greatly enhanced, however, if the crops being grown in the enemy controlled areas of the Panhandle were destroyed. By reducing the enemy's ability to live off the land, his existing supply and transportation systems would be further taxed and his morale would be adversely affected.

2. (TS) An analysis has been made of January and February 1966 photography of a 1,000 square kilometer area within the following 4 sets of coordinates:

a. 106 degrees 37 minutes east, 16 degrees 8 minutes north.

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WITHIN THIS AREA Approximately 13,800 acres were identified as being under cultivation, with an estimated potential yield capable of feeding approximately 15,000 troops annually.

3. (TS) We propose to deny this valuable food source through the aerial dissemination of chemical herbicide. The herbicide and delivery system would be identical to that presently used for defoliation operations in Laos.

4. (TS) Ambassador Sullivan has no objection to the destruction of crops within the area stated in paragraph 2.

5. (TS) Further analysis of the current agricultural activity within other areas in the Laotian Highlands adjacent to the enemy lines of communication and RVN border is in progress. Additional targets developed will be submitted to Ambassador Sullivan for validation prior to attack.

6. (TS) Request your approval for initiation of these operations.

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